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SPCA'S NEW CHIEF WANTS TO HELP HUMANS, TOO

By TAMARA GRIPPI

GARY TISCORNIA, the new executive director of Monterey County's SPCA, believes that his organization can do a lot: help the elderly, at-risk youths and victims of domestic violence while caring for the county's animals.



Gary Tiscornia

Innovative programs that have helped humans and animals throughout the United States, could make a big difference here, he said.

Tiscornia, who has 24 years of experience in animal welfare, believes the SPCA should be "truly a fabric of our society."

"Animal issues are community issues,"

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Grieving friend



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

A Fremont man grieves on the sands of Monastery Beach for his missing diving buddy, who disappeared about 100 yards off shore on Jan. 4. While state parks ranger Chuck Bancroft comforted the man, more than a dozen rescuers searched unsuccessfully for his friend. See story on page 5A.

'Compromise' will add third Scenic cottage

By TAMARA GRIPPI

LESS THAN a month after the California Coastal Commission unanimously rejected plans to demolish Sea Urchin and Periwinkle, the state board will consider a new proposal one commissioner calls a compromise, which will preserve the cottages while allowing a two-story home to be built behind them.

The commission will consider the proposal when it meets in Los Angeles Jan. 10.

Carmel architect John Thodos has already completed a preliminary scheme of the project for the owners, which will include a new, two-story building attached to the cottages with a "kind of trellis with transparency," according to Thodos.

"We'll be maintaining the exterior [of the cottages] while gutting them out," he said. "It's an extraordinary breakthrough that we worked cooperatively to come up with the best solution possible."

Thodos said the new house will meet the department of the interior standards in terms of design. "It

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PHOTO/TAMARA GRIPPI

Scenic Road cottages Sea Urchin and Periwinkle will be joined by a new, two-story cottage behind them.

Resolved to run

Walkers and runners ventured over the hill and through the woods of Mission Trails Park during the Rio Resolution Run New Year's Day. The finish line and a generous brunch — not Grandma's house — were the destination. For the full story, see back page.

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Frog's 'critical habitat' will cost millions

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A PROPOSAL to declare the entire Carmel River Watershed as "critical habitat" for the California red-legged frog would cost several million dollars each year in "consultation fees," generate unknown numbers of new lawsuits and could raise or lower property values, according to a report issued Dec. 21 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The agency is asking the public to comment on the potential designation of 5.4 million acres of California land — including 396,050 acres in Monterey County — as protected area for the threatened frog.

The critical habitat would include the Carmel River Watershed's 161,380 acres, and would assist in boosting the population of the red-legged frog, once prevalent from Point Reyes to northwestern Baja

California, the government said.

The economic impact report was prepared by Massachusetts-based Industrial Economics, Inc. to aid the USFWS in its decision whether to designate critical habitat. According to federal law, designation of endangered and threatened species is made solely on the basis of scientific data about the possibility the species will become extinct. But critical habitat designations — which can affect millions of private property owners — must also take into account potential economic and other impacts.

When a critical habitat is designated by the federal government, it imposes new permit requirements in "situations where federal funding or a federal permit is involved," according to the USFWS. Development in the Carmel River

The existence of critical habitat may provide another means for third parties to slow or stop projects they oppose.

— U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report

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City council learns the price of private home delivery

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE CARMEL City Council will decide whether it wants to pay the price for a private courier to deliver mail door to door in Carmel at its upcoming Jan. 9 meeting.

In his staff report to the city council, Carmel City Administrator Rich Guillen outlined how much the service could cost if 100, 150 or 200 residents sign up for it.

The Carmel Mailbox, a courier service which already delivers mail to private residents in town, provided the estimates for Guillen's report:

- \$30 per residence per month if 100 people request the service, totaling \$36,000 per year;
- \$32.50 per residence per month if 150 people want home mail delivery, a price tag of \$58,500 a year; and
- \$35 per residence per month if 200 people ask for the door-to-door delivery, or \$84,000 per year.

Contrary to the normal rule of "economy of scale" where individual prices go down when the volume increases, The Carmel Mailbox's bid actually does the opposite.

"Basically their proposal goes up because they have to hire additional staff, add insurance, and perhaps an additional vehicle," Guillen said.

At this point the city administrator isn't advising the council to proceed.

"Up until we received this information we really didn't know how much it would cost," Guillen said. "Now they have some dollar figures that they can look at."

But the big question remains unanswered: How many people will sign up for free home delivery, courtesy of the city?

Guillen recommended limiting the number.

"Should the city unpredictably receive, for example, 2,000 requests for delivery, the only option available will be to return the responsibility to the U.S. Postal Service," Guillen wrote in his staff report.

Based on the paltry number of requests Carmel Residents Association volunteers have received for home delivery so far — only four — it would appear that the council has nothing to worry about.

That compares to more than 100 people who responded to Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud's postcard survey by voting in favor of

home delivery.

"If the council is interested in funding this, then staff has to look at how do we do that," Guillen said. The mid-year budget review takes place during February.

When asked about the impact of \$36,000 in the city budget, Guillen described it as "moderately significant."

"That would account for at least one position in the city when you figure salary and benefits," Guillen said.

The Carmel Mailbox's proposal would provide mail delivery Monday through Friday during normal work weeks. Bonded couriers would pick up sorted mail from the Carmel Post office, transport the mail back to Carmel Mailbox and then re-sort the mail for delivery.

Several council members expressed hope at recent meetings that a private courier service will be the compromise to settle the year-long mail debate begun by home-delivery activist Joe Steinfeld.

Carmel officials are trying to strike a balance between preserving Carmel's tradition of no mailboxes while satisfying those who either require or request home delivery.

Guillen will present his report at the council's Jan. 9 meeting, which begins at 3:30 p.m.

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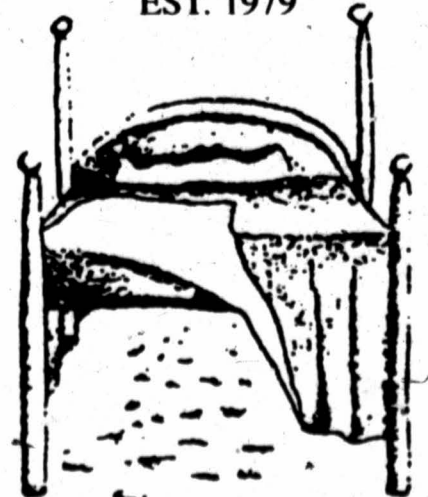
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By MARY BROWNFIELD

SINCE ITS meager beginnings a couple years ago — with just eight Morgan Hill firefighters driving sick children to the Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford during their days off — the non-profit Care-A-Van for Kids has grown to include more than 100 firefighters, many of whom are chiefs and captains.

"The thing that really impresses me is some of the chiefs who are involved in it — these guys are very, very busy," said California Department of Forestry battalion chief Greg Furey, who recently joined the program. "You normally don't see those efforts being made by people at that rank."

The Care-A-Van provides free rides for seriously ill children and their families from Monterey County and three neighboring counties to the children's hospital at Stanford. Without the rides, the kids could have real difficulty getting the medical care they need, according to Care-A-Van founder Donna Greenberg.

A recent case was typical. "We got a call saying there were some migrant farm workers needing to get their kids up to the hospital," she said. "They were out in a field in a trailer, with no phone, and we found them and took them to treatment."

The trips take up to eight hours, including picking up the child and family, driving to the hospital, waiting for the appointments to be completed, and making the trip home, often in heavy traffic.

"The volunteer drivers do it without any charge; we can't afford to pay them," she said. "They take one of their days off to transport sick kids, and they do it willingly."

CDF assistant chief George Haines has been dri-

ving once a month for the Care-A-Van for the past two years:

"My dad had leukemia and when he was going through his treatments, he was able to get to appointments because my mom and the kids were driving him," he said. "Then I heard about the program and they said people can't get to their treatments because they don't have a car. I thought this was a way to help out."

Haines is part of a CDF command team that is often out of the area battling blazes at the height of fire season — which makes him less available for Care-A-Van driving during that time.

"Sometimes it's hard then," he said. "But you do what you can, and that's the important part."

'Gift of love'

Greenberg said she is constantly impressed by the firefighters who drive for the program.

"I have never met a group of people as kind and as generous, ever," she said. "What they are doing is truly a gift of love."

And it's a gift that many people just don't have time to give, Greenberg has discovered. While recruiting drivers to serve the 600 requests the Care-A-Van received for rides last year — half of which came from Monterey County — various law enforcement agencies and a group of retired firefighters

turned her down, she said.

"So I keep coming back to the active firefighters," she said. "I just did a huge recruitment, and our drivers went from 55 to over

100."

The drivers use four donated vans, two of

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The Golden Years



By Myles Williams

After three years of recruiting and examining 164,000 volunteers, the Women's Health Initiative is under way. Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, it is the largest health study of women from 50 to 79 years of age. The purpose is to find ways of preventing postmenopausal women from experiencing heart disease, strokes, cancer, bone fractures, and other major threats to their well-being. Volunteers are divided into groups to determine the value of hormone replacement therapy, establish dietary guidelines, and evaluate the advantages of a vitamin/mineral supplement. The health status and health-related habits of women in the study will be tracked for seven years. Until now, major health studies such as those researching cardiovascular disease were conducted mainly among men.

Many Americans who fought for their country endured privations as prisoners of war. It wasn't until after World War II that survivors organized the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Vincent Lisanti, 77, a retired photographer, was a B-24 bomber pilot shot down in 1944. He was a POW for more than a year, but his family knew only that he was "missing." Last summer Lisanti and his Ex-POW chapter organized a memorial to earlier prisoners. The veterans dropped a floral tribute in the Hudson River to honor the thousands of Revolutionary War patriots who died aboard British prison ships in New York Harbor.

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Grinches swipe garbage collectors' gifts

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver warned for turning around in business district and sloppy stop sign adherence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost Russian tourists in a large motorhome given directions to Monterey.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver warned for rolling stops at intersections.

Carmel Valley: Assisted Cypress Fire in locating an explosion in the Cañada Drive area. A transformer at the Hatton substation exploded, causing a major power outage.

Carmel area: Major injury collision at the intersection of Carmel Knolls Drive and Carmel Valley Road when a truck struck a car in the intersection. Accident under investigation. At the time of the collision, the power was out, affecting traffic lights and street lights at the intersection.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an illegal fire at a Scenic residence. Check made, no fire observed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Wallet turned in by a

citizen. Owner located and wallet returned.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported the front license plate fell off a vehicle and was lost. Advised to report lost plate to DMV.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted CFD at a
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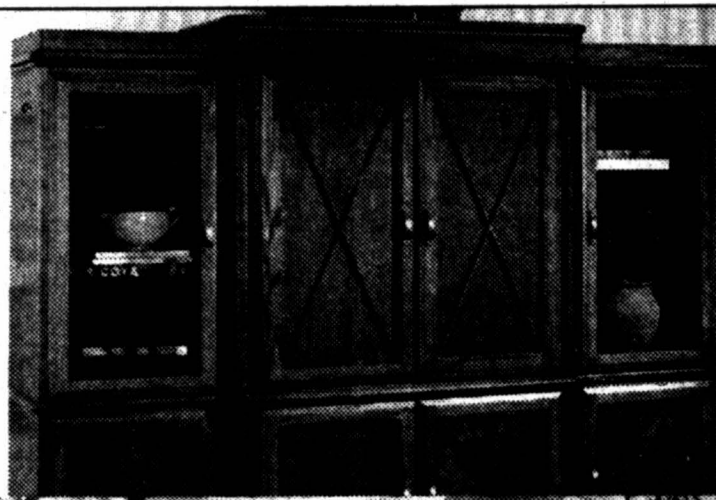
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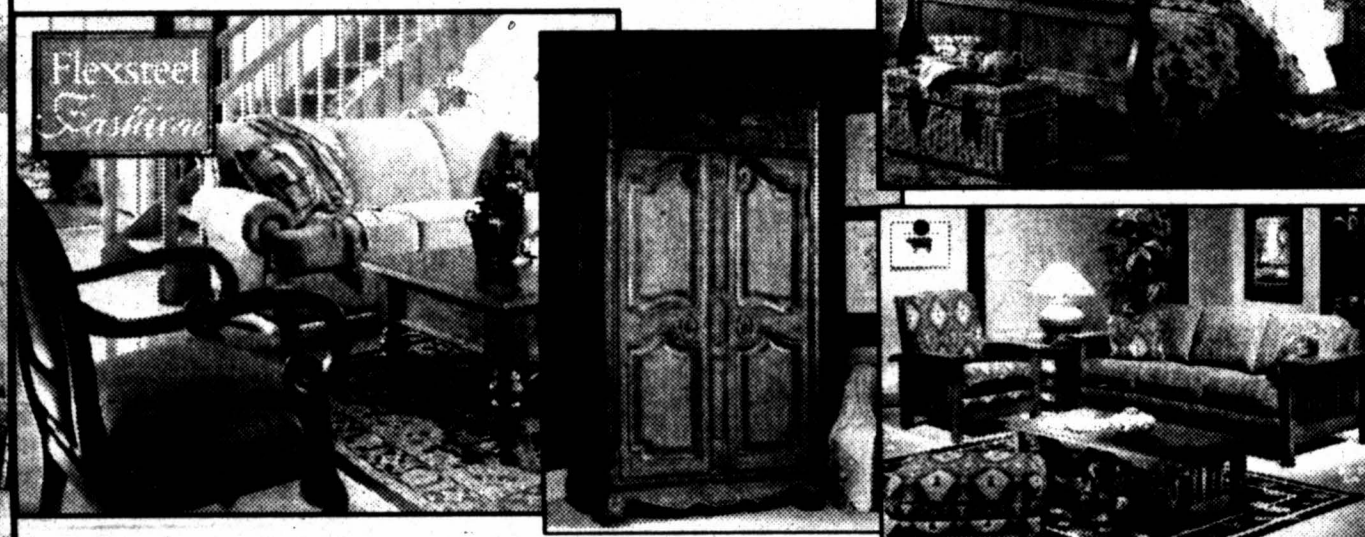


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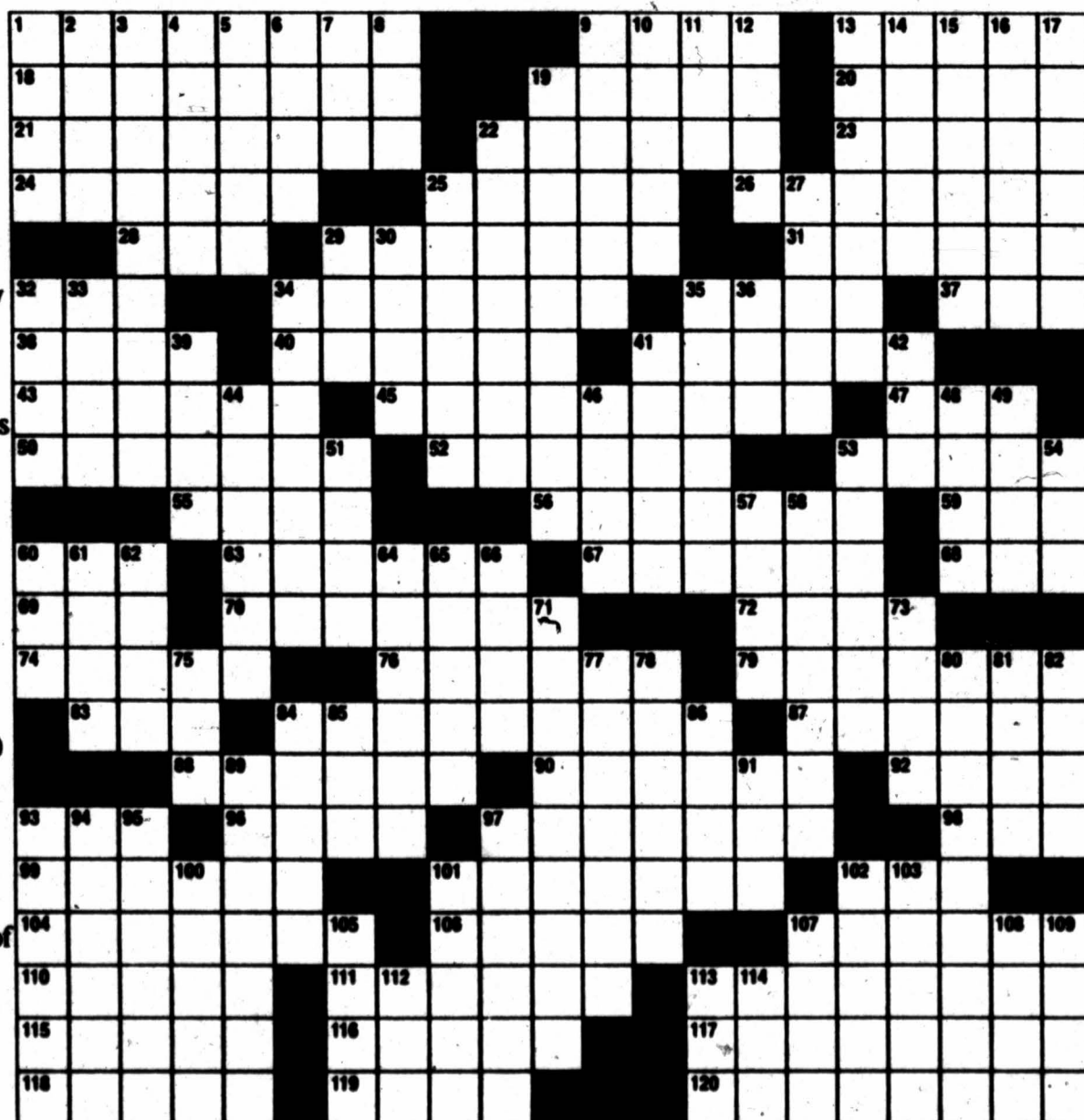
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Another diver missing at Monastery Beach

By PAUL MILLER

THE MERCILESS waters off Monastery Beach claimed another apparent victim Thursday afternoon when a 31-year-old man disappeared while SCUBA diving with a friend about 100 yards off shore.

"The beach is so steep, the water is at least 150 feet deep where he was last seen," said battalion chief Mike Marlow of the California Department of Forestry.

The victim, who had reportedly made several Monastery

Beach dives during the year since he took up the hobby, had only been in the water about seven or eight minutes when he was suddenly missed, according to his diving buddy.

"Visibility was bad, and I surfaced when I lost sight of him," said the victim's friend, who grieved quietly on the beach while he watched rescuers conduct a methodical search. "I looked for him on my own for about 20 minutes, until I ran out of air, and then I called for help," he said.

The friend declined to give his own name, or that of the missing man. "I have to call his girlfriend and tell her what happened, and I don't want her finding out from the news," the friend said.

The missing man, who lived in Newark, California, was at the end of a week's vacation in the Carmel area, his friend said, and was out for a final dive.

"We could only see 15 feet or so," the friend said. "But we weren't in the kelp, and I have no idea what happened." He said the missing man had no health problems that might

tend to get him in trouble under water.

Within half an hour of the call for help, units from the U.S. Coast Guard, CDF, Pacific Grove Ocean Rescue, Carmel Highlands Fire and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department responded to the beach, where temperatures were in the 70s, skies were clear and the sea was almost calm.

With a Coast Guard cutter, a Zodiac and several swimmers in the water, a helicopter searched from the air without turning up any sign of the missing diver.

After two hours, the victim's friend retreated to a CDF vehicle where he somberly made calls on a cell phone.

"It's absolutely terrible how often this happens," said state parks ranger Chuck Bancroft. The beach, less than one mile south of Carmel, is named for the nearby Carmelite Monastery, but has a macabre nickname — Mortuary Beach — because of the many victims claimed by its treacherous surf and hazardous currents.

FIFTH DISTRICT SEEKS PLANNING COMMISSIONER

PEOPLE WITH a penchant for planning are encouraged to apply for the Monterey County Planning Commission vacancy left by planner Scott Hennessy when he was hired to run the county's planning and building department, according to 5th District supervisor Dave Potter's office.

Potter, who names two planning commissioners, is searching for someone within his district — which includes Carmel, Carmel Valley, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach and Big Sur — to serve a four-year term. The 10-member commission advises the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on planning and development issues in the county's unincorporated areas, periodically revises the county's general plan and approves or denies applications for use permits.

Planning commissioners receive a \$400 monthly stipend for their twice-monthly meetings (on the second and last Wednesdays).

Anyone residing in the 5th District who is interested in serving on the commission should send a letter of interest and resume to Supervisor Dave Potter, 1200 Aguajito Road, Suite 001, Monterey, CA 93940 by Jan. 15.

CARE-A-VAN

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them paid for by Agilent Technologies of Palo Alto and the Harden Foundation of Salinas.

"Two firefighters went out and negotiated with Salinas Valley Ford, and they gave us a great price."

The program also received \$16,000 grants from the AT&T Pro-Am golf foundation in 2000 and 2001. But as word spreads and demand increases, the Care-A-Van for Kids needs more drivers and more cash.

"It would be helpful to have a wheelchair-accessible van," Greenberg said. "We have had to turn down kids in wheelchairs because we can't accommodate them. One young man we went to pick up, not knowing he was wheelchair-bound, and the firefighter tried everything to get him into the van. But he couldn't secure the chair in the van, and the young man was too big to be moved into the seat, so we finally had to say, 'Sorry.'"

Furey said he is looking forward to his first drive after completing his orientation, training, immunity screening and inoculations.

He said some of the high-ranking firefighters driving the Care-A-Van are Monterey Fire chief Greg Glass, Cypress Fire Protection District/CDF captain Dan Frost, battalion chiefs Mike Marlow and Steve Robertson and assistant chief Sam Mazza.

The volunteer effort is a nice counterpoint to the stress firefighters encounter on the job. "So many times, we get to a [medical] situation where there's nothing we can do, and we leave feeling really crummy. This way, we can really affect the life of a family and it feels good," Greenberg quoted a volunteer as saying. "Many of the families they take up don't speak English — there's no conversation — but they still know the people appreciate it," she added.

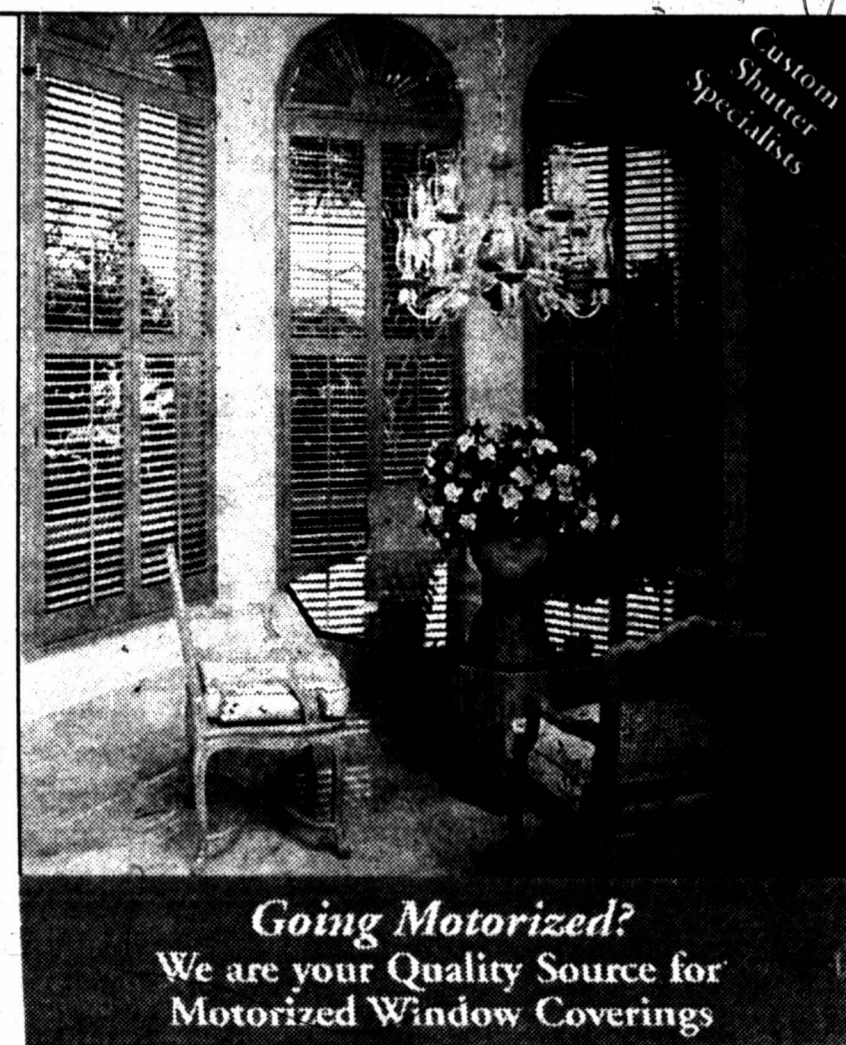
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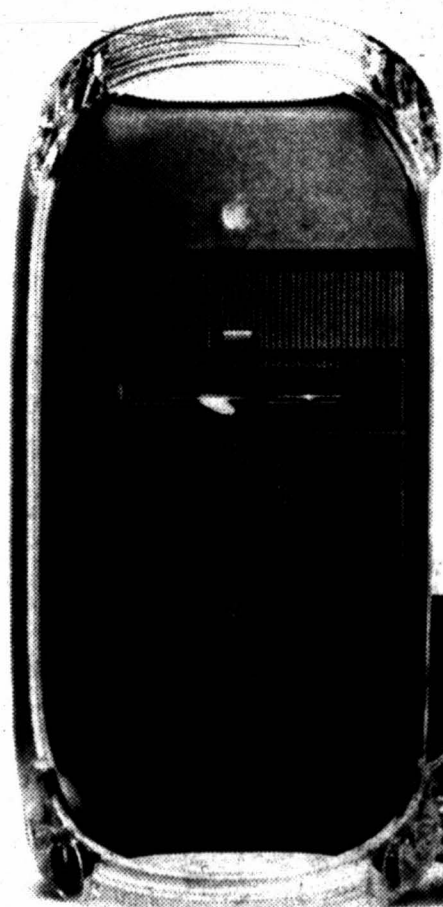
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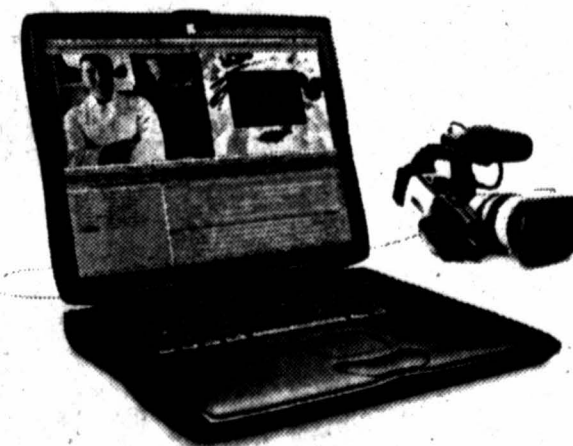
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FROGS

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Watershed — including individual private homes — would likely require consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service or the Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that the frog's habitat is protected.

The report briefly mentioned the possibility that a critical habitat designation could trigger a requirement for an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act for projects that might "substantially reduce the habitat" or "restrict the range" of an endangered, threatened or rare species.

The consultants specifically reported that any water diversion, dam construction and maintenance, farming, or residential development would require contact with federal agencies.

"This proposed designation could affect private landowners through costs associated with increased time spent seeking technical assistance from the service [USFWS], costs due to an increase in the number of consultations and the costs of modifying projects," according



California red-legged frog

to the report. The added steps could also cause project delays, the consultants said.

The economists lacked detailed data on specific private land uses when they released the draft, and will cull more information from public comments, public hearings, development and construction industry associations, and county and regional planning boards, according to the report.

They estimated the annual consultation costs generated by critical habitat designation at totals of \$150,000 to \$330,000 for the USFWS, \$500,000 to \$780,000 for other federal agencies and \$450,000 to \$540,000 for third parties, including the State of California, local municipalities and private landowners.

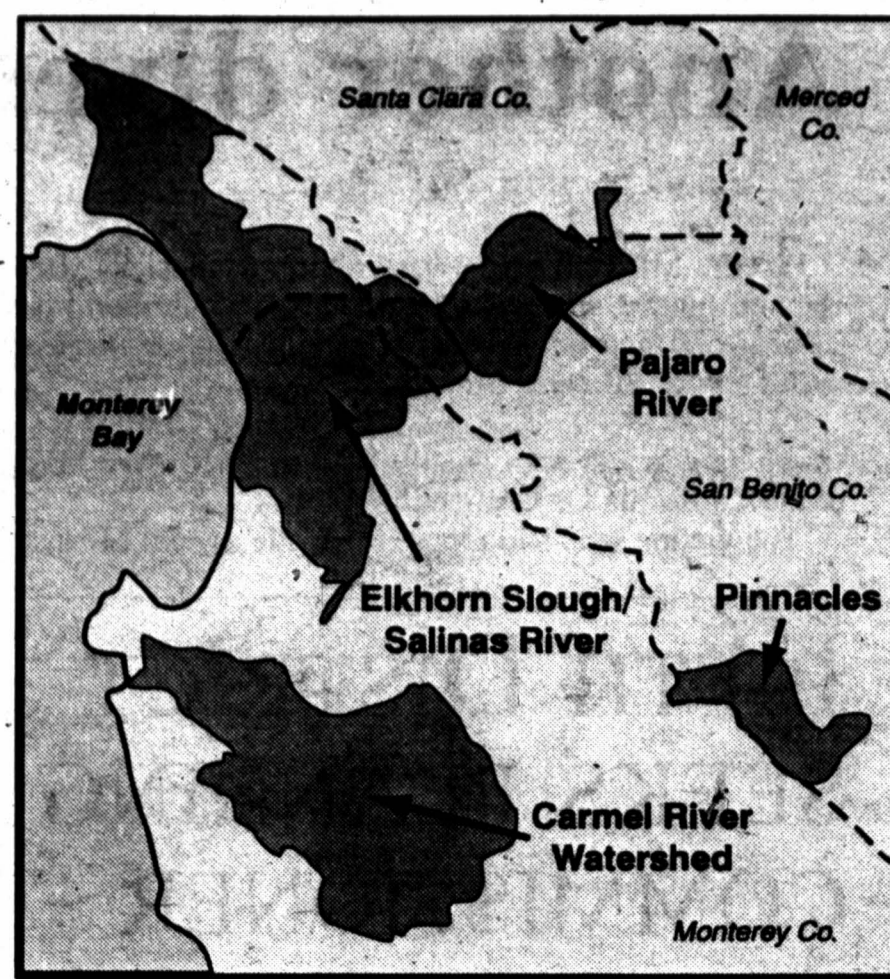
Property values could also be affected — either positively or negatively — according to the economists' report. Property owners who anticipate slowed growth because of the designation may see increases in land values, while prospective buyers of land for development may see the designation as a hurdle that would lower property values.

Regardless, the consultants said, "It is expected that impacts to property values will likely decrease with time."

But the designation may lead to more lawsuits, the report acknowledged.

"That is, the existence of critical habitat may provide another means for third parties to slow or stop projects they oppose," the report reads. "Even if such suits are eventually dismissed, those being sued will be required to carry the administrative and legal costs associated with defending their activities."

Consultants pointed to ecosystem health, increased



A proposed critical habitat designation for the California red-legged frog would include 396,050 acres in Monterey County and millions more acres in the state of California.

real estate values and additional flood control as benefits of the critical habitat designation.

More education about the frog's habitat and an increased probability that the frog will recover will result from habitat designation, according to the report, while any economic benefits remain uncertain.

The California red-legged frog is the largest native frog in the western United States, the USFWS said, and can be 1.5 to 5 inches in length. It breeds in streams, ponds, marshes and stock ponds and during wet weather may move through upland areas far from bodies of water.

The critical habitat designation must be finalized by March 1 under the terms of a legal agreement reached after the USFWS was sued by environmental groups for failing to designate a red-legged frog critical habitat.

The economic analysis is available on the Internet at www.r1.fws.gov. Comments on the report should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825.

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New CBA executive director taps creativity, local's know-how

By MARY BROWNFIELD

BRENDA RONCARATI has come full circle, back to Carmel.

The new executive director of the Carmel Business Association — her first day with the CBA was Jan. 3 — said her first job was with Carmel's own Orange Julius while she was a 15-year-old student at Monterey High a little more than 20 years ago.

"I'm really excited to be here," Roncarati said of her new role at the CBA. "I think that it's a really fun, interesting job."

Roncarati just finished a 15-year career with the City of Monterey, where she hired and managed workers, arranged employee benefits, set budgets and coordinated with various city departments.

"With her skills, in terms of relationships with city councils and boards of directors, there was a direct parallel," said CBA president Larry Hoover. "She's so well spoken, and is very creative — just a real people per-

son. She really matched what we were looking for and what we needed."

During the eight weeks it took the CBA to interview candidates and ultimately select

Roncarati, the agency considered 35 local applicants, according to Hoover.

"She was one of the final candidates and just shined in terms of her skills," he said.

Roncarati replaces Jan Hanson, who left the CBA on "very good terms" to work for Monterey County in economic development, according to Hoover.



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Brenda Roncarati

A local knows

Roncarati, born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula, lives in Pacific Grove with her husband and two sons, aged 10 and 13. Her mother lives in Carmel, a sister lives in Monterey and her husband's family hails from Monterey as well, she said.

"I'm a longtime resident in the area and have always enjoyed Carmel from a shopper's perspective," she said. "I enjoy the community, so when I saw the ad — and

being able to work with the business community — it seemed like a really exciting thing to do."

Roncarati's roots were attractive to the CBA as well.

"We feel really lucky to have someone local, because that's the real key to knowing the community and the ins and outs of the Peninsula," Hoover said.

Although she hasn't been on the job long enough to have any tangible ideas on her long-term goals for the CBA, Roncarati

knows how she'll approach her work as executive director.

"I have a lot of interest in doing things creatively, in finding the best ways," she said. "Working with people is very important for me, so I like to think relationship building is something I can be effective in, and that will help our missions here."

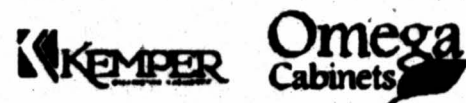
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SENIOR LIVING

Mysterious mailbox puzzles Lobos Street neighbors

By TAMARA GRIPPI

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This mysterious potted mailbox has been the subject of much curiosity on Lobos Street since it arrived Dec. 26.

ery. But James — spending the holidays in Southern California — wasn't even home to receive the late Christmas gift.

"And he hasn't been home since," the neighbor said.

The mysterious man wearing the white hat "didn't say anything to anybody" after he deposited the mailbox, said the neighbor, who declined to give his name to The Pine Cone.

For the past week, the black mailbox — sitting atop a brown post, anchored in a pink planter box filled with rocks and adorned with artificial orange and yellow flowers — has been the subject of some curiosity on the street.

"I don't like the way it looks," the neighbor said. "Two or three neighborhood women said, 'We don't like the look of it.'"

So far, the man in the white hat hasn't returned. Was it Santa Claus, or perhaps one of his more politically active elves?

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New restaurant owners to Forge path back to a 'local's place'

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A CARMEL RESTAURANT that has changed hands several times has a new set of owners: the employees.

The lease for the Forge in the Forest at Junipero and Fifth has been taken over by a corporation formed by a group of workers who will operate the restaurant and share the profits.

Carmel designer John Mandurrage is about to buy the corner property — escrow is set to close Jan. 15, he said — and has decided to lease the restaurant to people who really know the drill.

"Who better knows that business than the guys who are there every day in the trenches?" Mandurrage asked. "We'll see how it goes."

Carmelite Scott Hanifan — who's handling the business end of things at the Forge and lives in the apartment on the property — has no doubt it will go well.

"Our whole goal is to really give the place back to the community — we want it to be the locals' place," he said. "If tourists come, great, we won't turn them away, but we want to attract and cater to the locals."

They want it so much, in fact, that restaurant employees have volunteered to come in while the restaurant is closed for re-roofing and clean up the place — sand and refinish tables and chairs, polish brass and copper, and fix up the gardens — for free.

But that's what might be expected of an enthusiastic owner, and all of the restaurant's regular employees, from Hanifan, chef Bruce Silverblatt and beverage manager Jeff Shein, to wait-staff and kitchen help, will receive equal shares of restaurant ownership, according to Hanifan.

"Everyone working here in the winter [when the restaurant is down to its regular staff] will own the place," he said. "Everybody will be equal, so at the end of the year, instead of profits going into a single owner's pocket, they will be distributed among all the owners."

That investment means a recipe for success, according to Hanifan.

"The kitchen staff cares if a stale bun is sent out in a sandwich," he said. "These people volunteered to clean up the property, so there's a lot of love and affection for this place."

And the employees know the business, he added.

"The staff sees what

works, what doesn't work — the customers and locals talk to them," he said. "And they are jumping out of their skins."

Plans for the new Forge include a menu combining the best of the most recent Forge and some old favorites, according to Hanifan. The former General Store will now serve as the Forge's dining room — complete with local artists' works hanging on the wall — and the downstairs area will feature a wine tasting room and extensive wine list solely featuring California wines.

"When we reopen here in the next couple of weeks, we'll have a menu-under-construction theme," Hanifan said, adding that he hopes diners will let the restaurant know what items should remain, what old dishes should be brought back, and what should go.

A grand reopening and Forge reunion is tentatively slated for mid-April, according

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COMPROMISE

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design for historic resources. "It will be like a first cousin to the buildings, not identical," he said.

Fifth District Supervisor Dave Potter, who also serves on the California Coastal Commission, believes the new plans are a good compromise.

"The compromise is much more appropriate as far as retention of character of the property," Potter said. "Obviously I wish it had happened sooner than it did, everyone could have saved a lot of conflict. But calmer minds prevailed and they figured a way to address concerns of certain members of the community and the owners' need for a modernized house."

The coastal commission staff also sup-

ports the new proposal.

"The applicants have now agreed to accept a condition that provides for the rehabilitation of the small cottages and the construction of a new two-story home behind them," wrote coastal commission attorney Diane Landry in her staff report.

The compromise, however, comes at a cost for the Shellooes, who have already invested a lot of time and money to get their original house plans approved by the city.

Thodos explained that Sea Urchin and Periwinkle will have new interior walls, a new kitchen and bathrooms. The new home, which will occupy a footprint of approximately 1,500 square feet, will include a new garage and master bedroom, Thodos said.

Last month the coastal commission decided not to allow owners Mary Louise and Bill Shellooe to replace Sea Urchin and

Periwinkle with a new home, instead directing the couple to redesign their retirement home to include the cottages.

While agreeing that the cottages were badly deteriorating and currently not inhabitable, the commission decided the cottages represented an important part of Carmel's community character that should not be lost.

The Shellooes have long hoped to build a new retirement home on the property, which has been in Mary Louise Shellooe's family for more than 30 years.

The proposal to demolish Sea Urchin and Periwinkle has been one of the most closely-watched projects in Carmel and was first approved by the city's planning commission, then overturned by the Carmel City Council, which reversed its decision two months later after the election brought in a new mayor and two new council members.

The debate over the Sea Urchin and Periwinkle demolitions has centered on whether the cottages are historic or merely charming.

The council finally decided that the cottages — originally built with boards and batts in the 1920s — have been so altered over time that they cannot be considered historic.

Several preservationists in town, including Enid Sales, have argued that the cottages are a unique part of Carmel's history, known to everyone who walks or drives down Scenic.

Sales also challenged the demolition of Sea Urchin and Periwinkle in court, but later told The Pine Cone that suit would likely be dropped based on the coastal commission's decision.

Thodos said Sales will likely serve as the historic consultant on the rehabilitation of Sea Urchin and Periwinkle.

"By having Enid there, she'll make sure the historic integrity of the houses is maintained," Thodos said.

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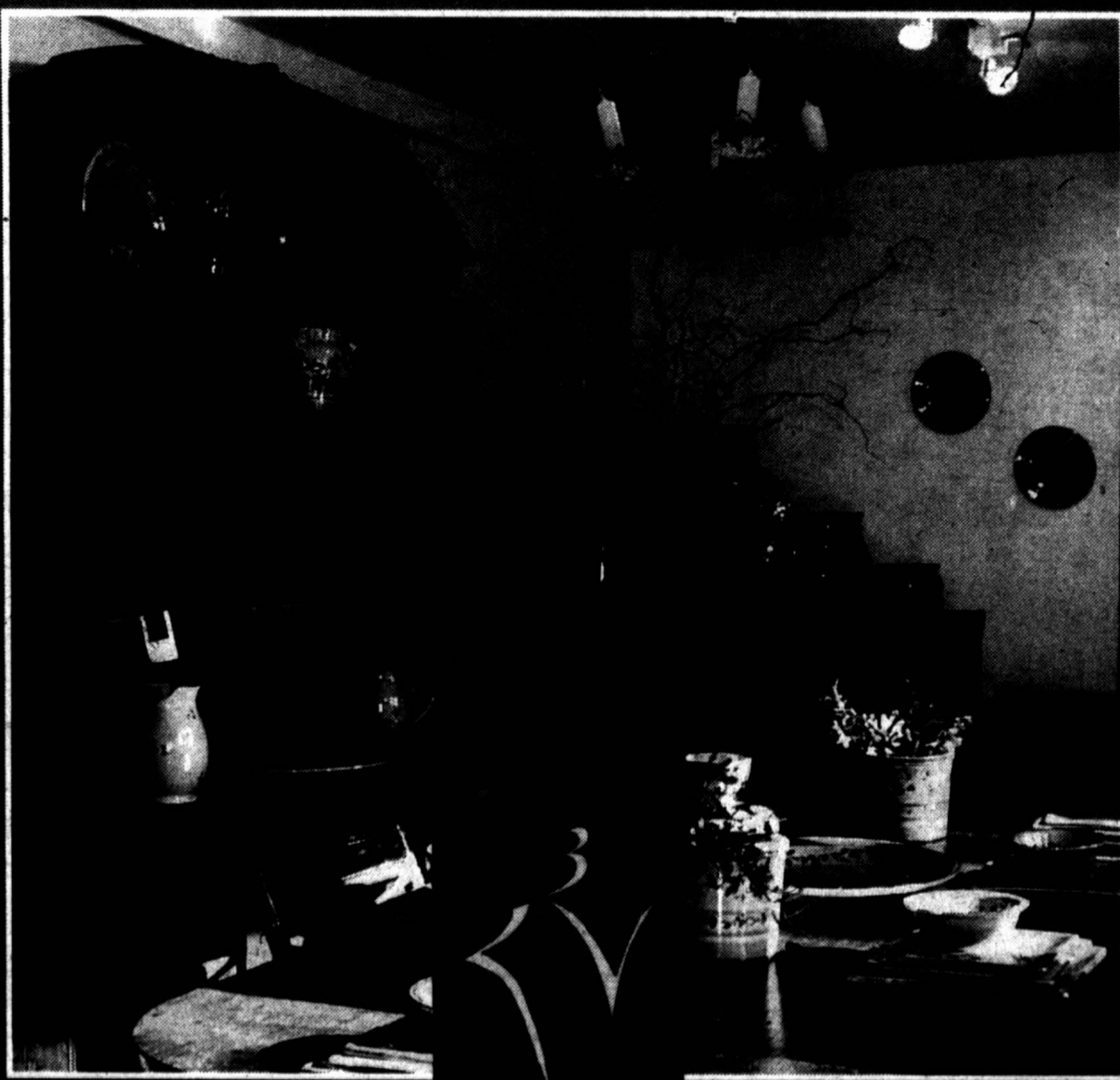
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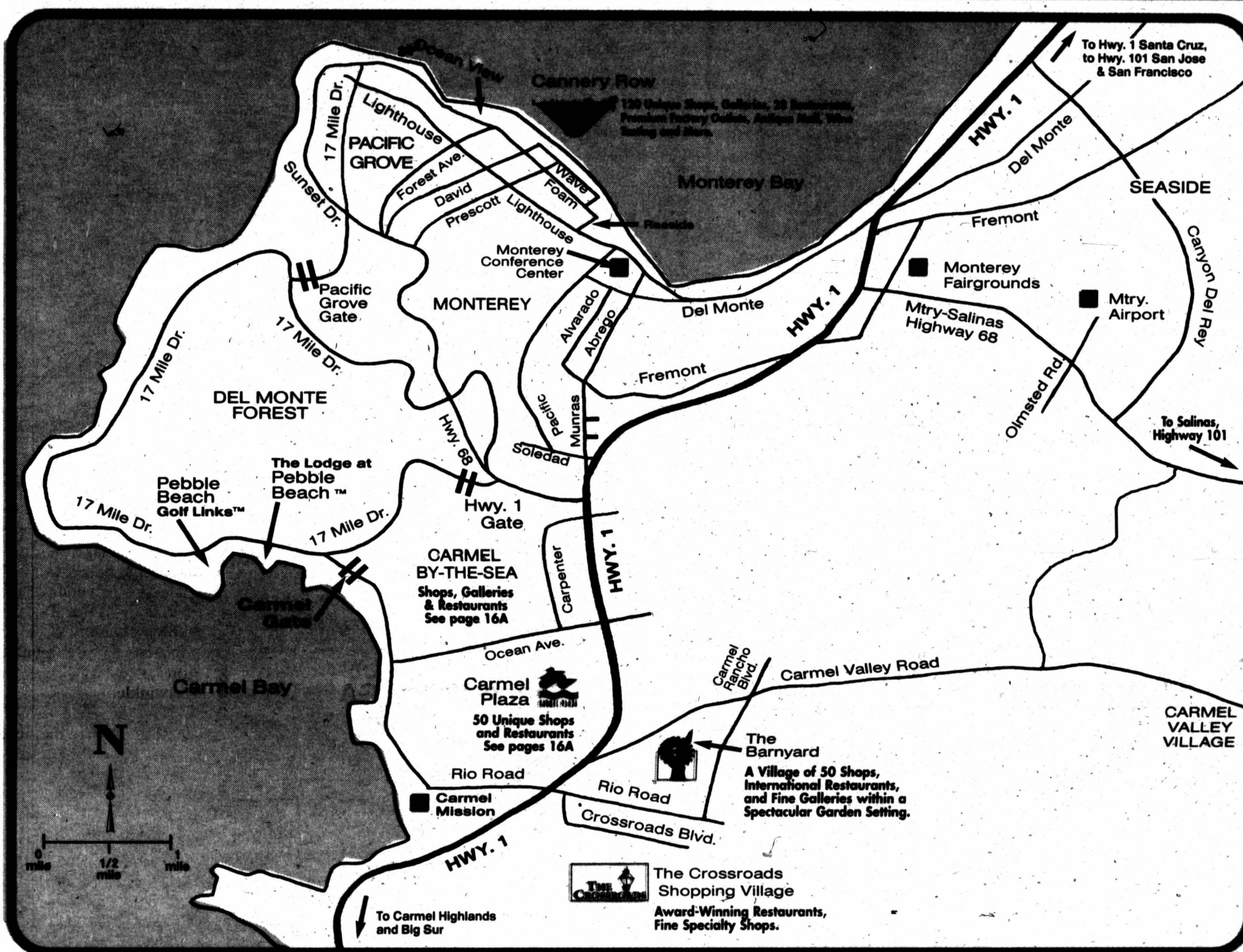
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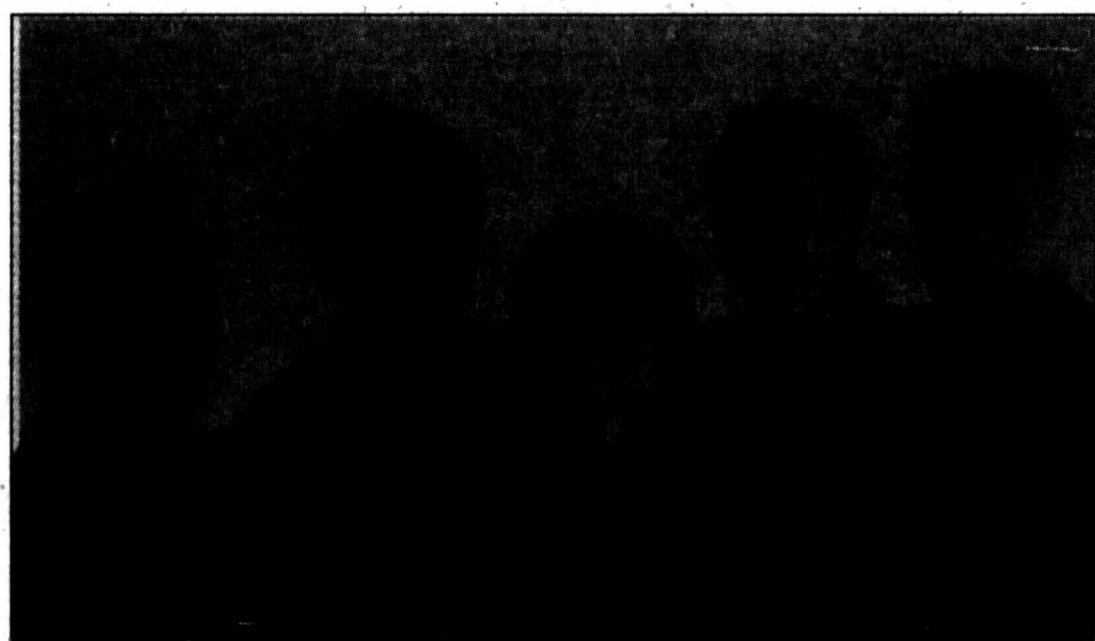
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First retrospective in 20 years for plein-air artist Veda Fero Dayton

A GATHERING of paintings by California plein-air artist and teacher Veda Fero Dayton can be viewed Jan. 12 through Feb. 23 at the Pacific Grove Art Center, 568 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

A native of Washington, Dayton moved to California with her family in 1901. She married Warren Dayton and began teaching art at Pacific Union College in 1914. She was active in the artists' community of the Monterey and Carmel areas from World War I through the late 1920s.

Dayton studied with Carmel painters Mary DeNeale Morgan, Frederick Grey and William Adam.



Schubert Ensemble of London performs Thursday at Sunset

CHAMBER MUSIC Monterey Bay sponsors a passionate duet between cello and string bass when the Schubert Ensemble of London performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 in Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel.

The ensemble's program will feature the "Trout" Quintet and Bottesini "Passione Amorosa," Rushton "L'An Mil" and Dvorak Piano Quartet No. 2.

Tickets are \$18 general, \$7 for students under 21. Reservations: 625-2212.

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WHAT: The Carmel Bach Festival's Bravissima series continues with pianist Janina Fialkowska in a recital of works by J.S. Bach that progresses to composers of the 20th century

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6

WHERE: Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel

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WELL, THAT's settled: The mystery of the Christmas aromatic truffle oil is solved.

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Well, maybe not exactly.

The label says the ingredients are Italian extra virgin olive oil infused with black winter truffles and *arome*. *Arome* is another name for natural or artificial flavor: man-made additives that now go into most processed foods.

The flavor industry manipulates volatile gases from nearly 1,000 different chemicals to duplicate remarkable flavors and fragrances. Only infinitesimal quantities are used in processed foods. According to an article in the January Atlantic Monthly magazine, "the chemical that provides the dominant flavor

of bell pepper can be tasted in amounts as low as 0.02 parts per billion; one drop would add flavor to [the equivalent of] up to five swimming pools."

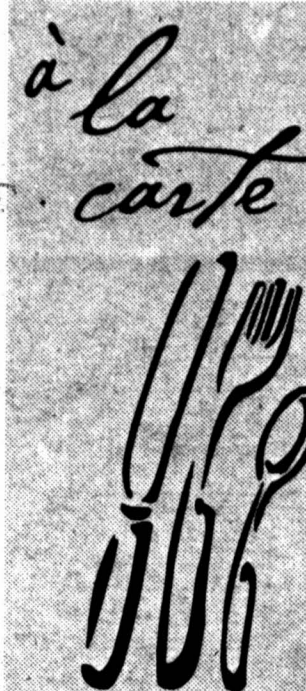
After we read the article, "Why McDonald's Fries Taste So Good" by Eric Schlosser, we uncapped our Christmas truffle oil and sniffed. Incredible! We could almost taste the truffle without tasting the olive oil. Then we uncorked another bottle of olive oil in which we had placed some real white truffle shavings to flavor the oil. We sniffed, and sniffed again. Only a faint aroma greeted our nostrils.

Biochemistry had scored again.



Here's a mystery we've been pondering for some time: How can packaged butter mints be declared FAT FREE on the carton, when the ingredient panel lists butter as the second ingredient. (Ingredients are listed in

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The answer is, if the fat content is less than half of 1 percent of the total mass, the product can be termed fat free, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

We learned this when we could contain our curiosity no longer and called one of the butter mint manufacturers back East. Although the sales and marketing director of the firm declined to be quoted ("We don't want to be involved in a column") we learned that sugar is 90 percent of the mint formulation. He admitted to receiving hundreds of calls a year from consumers as puzzled as we were about that fat free declaration.

Now the company shows an asterisk besides "butter" in the ingredient panel. The asterisk leads to a short statement: "Adds a dietarily insignificant amount of fat."

Watch that sugar, though!



FROM TIME to time we mention the First Lady of Olive Oil, Betty Pustarfi, who lectures to and gives olive oil and balsamic vinegar tastings to chefs and others at the annual

NASFT Fancy Food Shows. Betty's just back from Tunisia where she spent a week in the olive orchards and oil processing plants in and around the town of Sfax — during Ramadan. She investigated the medina sometime near sunset, and while she kept a sharp eye out for landmarks so she could find her way out of the warren of winding, narrow streets, she lost track. By sunset she had become hopelessly confused. No matter which streets she took, she could not find her way out.

Speaking neither Arabic nor French, Betty tried in vain to ask for assistance. Finally, a swarthy gentleman on a sort of Vespa gestured to her to climb on the back of his vehicle. She repeated the name of her hotel endlessly, and finally made herself understood. Off they went, Betty clinging to this stranger, careening through the narrow streets in almost total darkness. It occurred to her somewhere during that trip that perhaps she had done an unwise thing.

The hotel was beyond the outskirts of town, and they eventually arrived, Betty's hair and attire somewhat askew. Chic hotel-dwellers gazed at her as she dismounted, shook

hands with her rescuer, offering him a substantial tip. Smiling, he drove off into the night. Smiling, Betty made her way to her room and drew a comforting warm bath.



NOT TOO often, but on occasion, we receive telephone calls from readers asking, somewhat sardonically, if we ever met a restaurant we didn't like. The answer is yes, as a matter of fact, we've met a number of them.

As the new year begins, let us remind readers of à la carte that Morgan is a restaurant reviewer, not a restaurant critic. If we don't like a restaurant, we don't review it.

Quoting from an April 16, 1999 column, we again define our parameters:

"To write a deprecatory review in such a tiny enclave of a town and area would be to ring the death knell for a restaurant, if we may ascribe such Olympian influence to our newspaper column."

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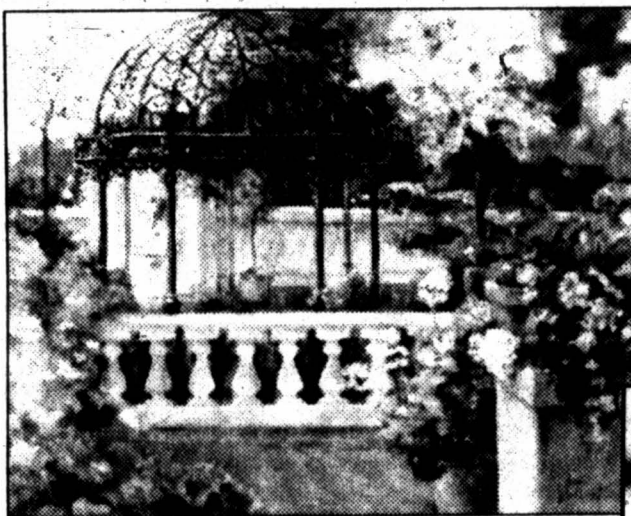
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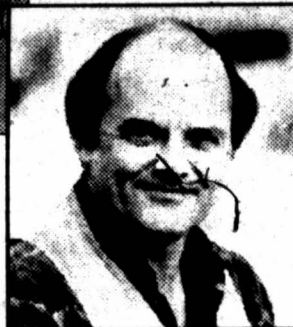
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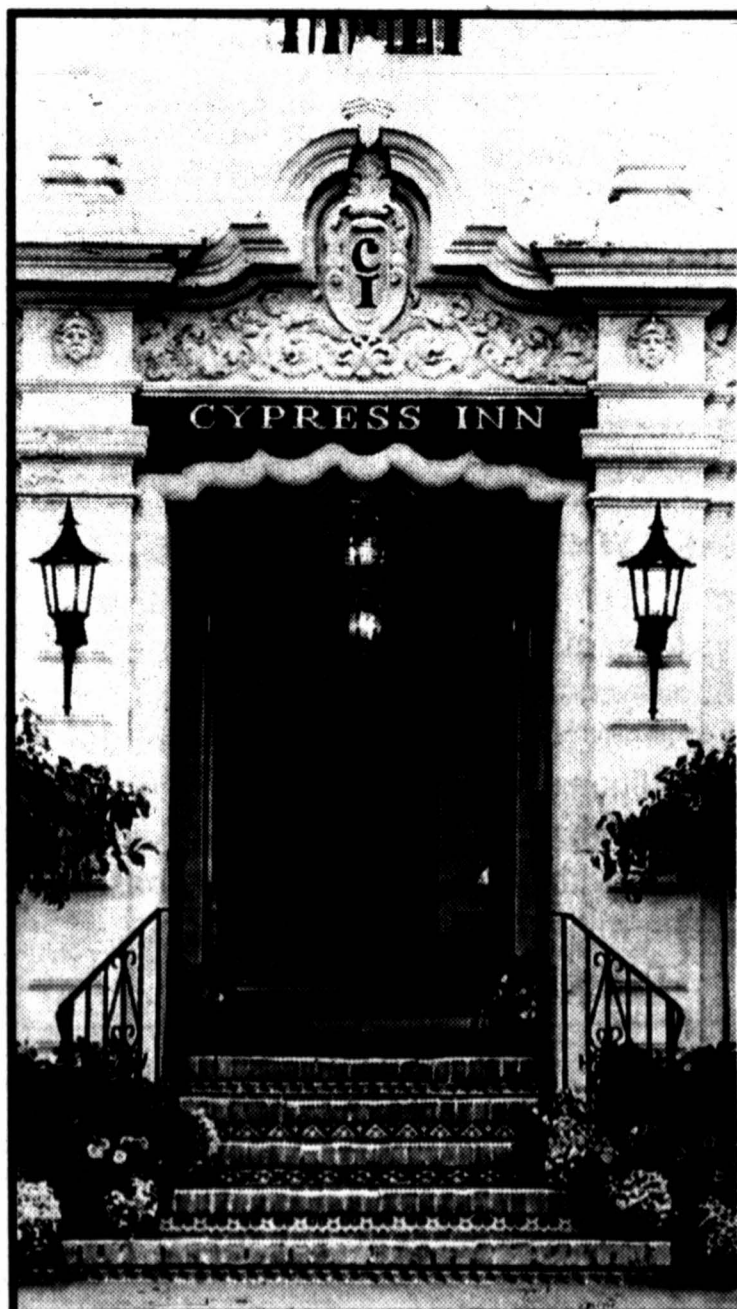


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Creepy thriller employs Monterey Peninsula locales

"I'VE ALWAYS shied away from writing about cops — it's been so, you know, done," Jonathan Nasaw said about FBI Special Agent E.L. Pender, the protagonist in his thriller, "The Girls He Adored," just released in hardcover by Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc., New York City.

But Nasaw, who lives in Pacific Grove, has created a memorable cop in this very creepy, psychological novel, reminiscent of Len Deighton's tough detectives.

Nasaw uses Monterey Peninsula locales for some of the book's major scenes: A serial killer kidnaps a strawberry blonde woman from the waterfront area of Pacific Grove

and kills her in an unspeakable way, then attacks a sheriff's deputy with a Bowie knife when she discovers the gruesomely mutilated body in the passenger seat of his car during a routine Monterey traffic check. This is a thriller that guarantees to raise the hackles on your neck, and goosebumps on your arms.

The author researched dissociative identity disorder, referred to as DID — which used to be called multiple personality syndrome — and used it believably in Max, the dominant personality of the serial killer that psychiatrist Dr. Irene Cogan discovers during an evaluation.

Max manages to kidnap Dr. Cogan, and

while agent Pender has been ordered off the case — in time-honored detective fiction fashion — he pursues Max and the woman Max plans to murder. While Pender is searching for clues as to their whereabouts, Dr. Cogan is using all her skill as a psychiatrist to piece together Max's mysterious and blood-soaked past.

This is the sixth book by Nasaw.

Nasaw will sign copies of "The Girls He

Adored" (325-pages, \$24.95) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at Bay Books, 316 Alvarado St., downtown Monterey. For information, call 375-1855.

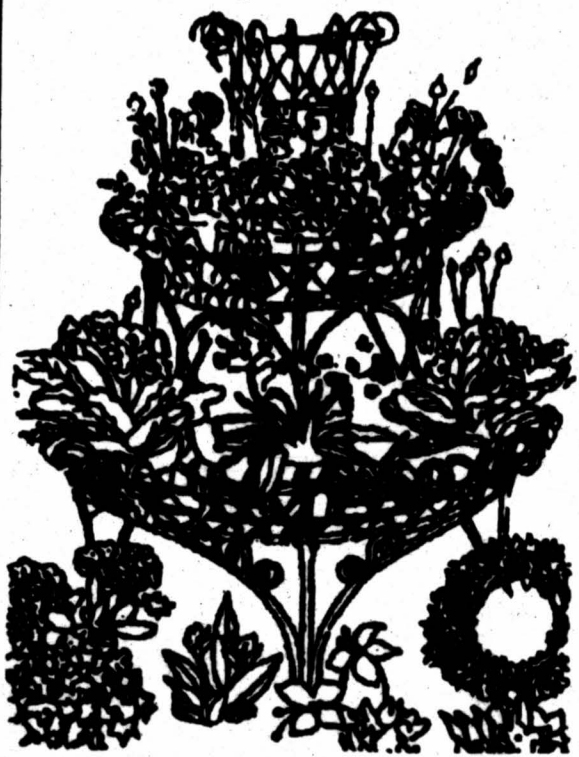
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"CAT SPITTING MAD" is the title of Shirley Rousseau Murphy's new Joe Grey mystery — sixth in the series — all set in Molena Point, a small coastal village almost exactly like Carmel-by-the-Sea.

For those readers who have shied away from fantasy novels, let us say that we were once in the same boat. After reading the first of Murphy's "Cat" books, we were quickly converted, and became a fan of this very skilled and talented writer who lives among us here in Carmel. Murphy's books are not light and frothy "cozies," but truly dark mysteries with intricate plots. Few writ-



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ers of any genre can match Murphy's superb prose for which she has received five Council of Authors and Journalists Awards for previous books.

First of all, you have to be OK with cats talking. Only the protagonists, mind you; other cats haven't Joe Grey's, Dulcie's or the Kit's ability to speak. Only their human home companions are finally in on the cats' secrets, which makes it awkward for Joe Grey to throw clues in the direction of the local police chief to help

solve a mystery. He uses the telephone to do that.

Admittedly this does sound bizarre, but take it from discerning readers and Murphy's publisher, Harper Collins, NYC, her books are spellbinding. In this latest book, Max Harper, the chief of police, is framed for a double, possibly

triple murder. It is up to Joe and Dulcie to bring the true killer to light.

The 213-page hardback retails for \$23 and can be found on shelves in most local bookshops.

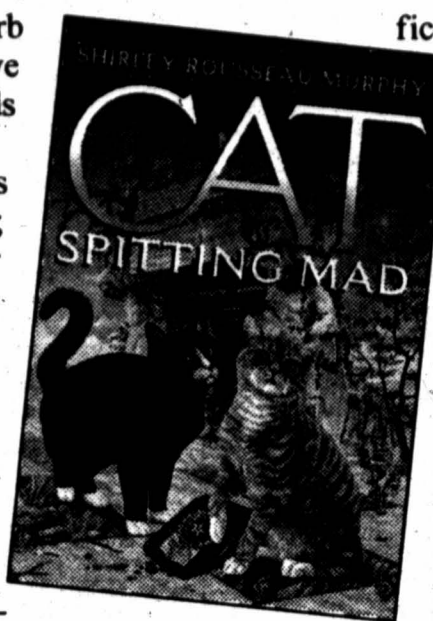
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WE SOMEHOW missed Dianne Day's "Beacon Street Mourning" that was released several months ago by Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc. This is the sixth in Day's Fremont Jones mystery series — all set at the turn of the last century, and dealing with an independent young protagonist, who takes a man's name to make her way in the then-man's world.

While former books have been set in San Francisco, Pacific Grove and Carmel, this one takes place in Boston as Fremont goes home, from her detective agency in San Francisco, to her father's home on the East Coast. She finds her father very ill, in hospital, and encounters her stepmother, who turns out to have all the beguiling traits of The Wicked Witch of the West.

Fremont harbors dark suspicions that her stepmother may have slowly poisoned her father, and sets out to prove it with the aid of her life companion and fellow detective, Michael Archer.

The author's portrayal of characters and places in this novel, described as historical



fiction, is well researched and presented convincingly. Fans of Day and of her protagonist, Fremont Jones, will find this another page-turner as the reader learns more about Fremont's intricate character.

The 277-page hardback retails for \$22.95 and signed copies are available at most local bookshops.

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"SACRED FIREPLACE (Oceti Wakan)" is the name of Peter V. Catches' book which he will discuss and sign from 7

to 8:30 p.m. on The Thunderbird Bookshop patio on Friday, Jan. 5, at the Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel. For information, call 624-1803.

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THE TRAVELOGUE book "States of Mind" by Pacific Grove's Brad Herzog with photographs by Amy Herzog — and their appearance on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" — rocketed the book to the bestseller list. It is currently being developed as a 13-part documentary series for PBS.

Brad Herzog will share his peripatetic experience at the P.G. Friends of the Library's annual meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. The meeting will be held at the P.G. Museum of Natural History at Forest and Central avenues, Pacific Grove. The public is invited to the free event. Refreshments will be served.

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THE IMPORTANCE of storytelling — for children and adults — will be discussed by Nancy Mellon, author of "Storytelling with Children," and international storyteller Ashley Ramsden. The talk and book signing will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 at the Barnyard Community Room. It is presented by The Monterey Bay Charter School. For information, call 624-1803.

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KENT McARTHUR's book, "How to be Happy, Healthy, Wealthy & Wise," was reviewed in this column recently. McArthur will present a lecture/discussion and book signing from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 10 at BookWorks, 667

Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. For information, call 372-2242.

Armin Hansen's students studied

THE CARMEL ART Association presents Dick Crispo in a free lecture and slide presentation titled "The Students of Armin Hansen."

In Carmel-by-the-Sea during the '20s and '30s, students came from far and wide to study under Hansen, a celebrated painter and etcher.

Among the students who will be profiled in this lecture are Janet Maxwell Lewis, C.S. Price, the Burton sisters (heirs to the American Tobacco Co. fortune), and others.

Admission to this "Second Thursday Lecture" is free. It begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 in the galleries of the Carmel Art Association, Dolores Street between Fifth and Sixth, downtown Carmel. For more information, call 624-6176.



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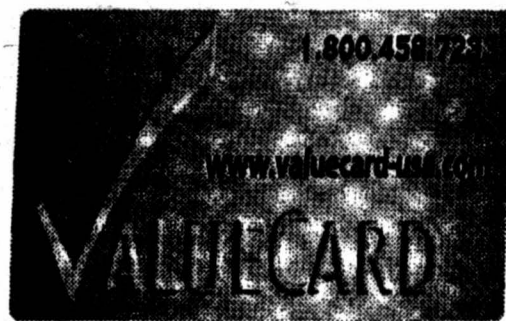
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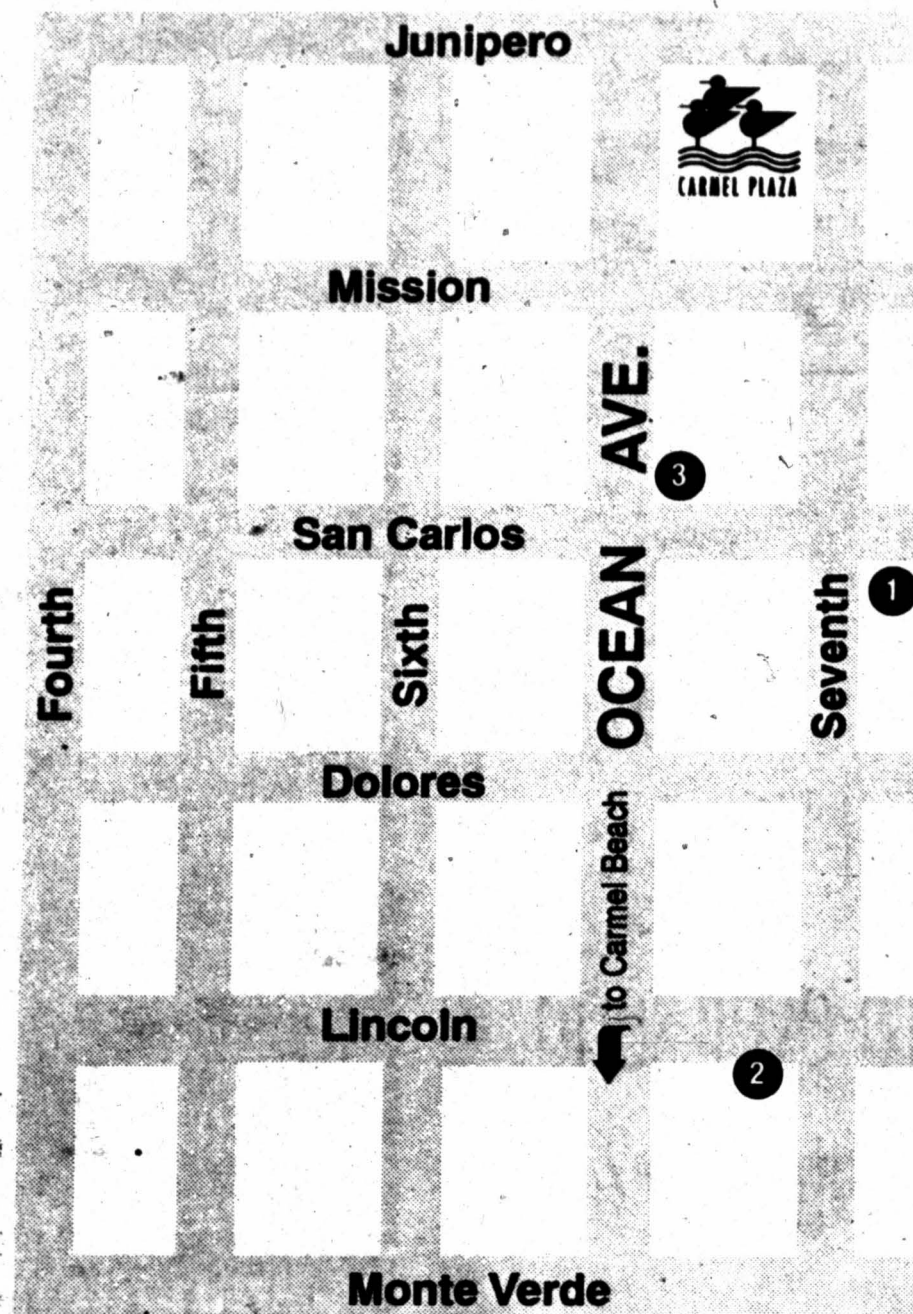
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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Extraordinary Business
 - A. Presentation of a Fifteen-year Service Award to Joseph S. Rana, Police Corporal.
 - B. Introduction of Anne Morris — Planning Services Coordinator.
 - C. Introduction of Jesse Juarez — Police Officer
 - D. Introduction of Jennifer Rosenthal — Office Assistant for Community and Cultural Center.
 - E. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers for continual service to the City's annual birthday parade.
- V. Announcements from Closed Session, from City Council Members and the City Administrator
 - A. Announcements from Closed Session
 - B. Announcements from City Council representatives on outside agencies
 - C. Announcements from the City Administrator
- Report on Sunset Theater Project
- VI. Appearances
- VII. Consent Calendar
 - A. Ratify the minutes for the meetings of 4, 5, and 12 December, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council.
 - B. Ratify the bills paid for the month of December 2000, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council.
 - C. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-1 approving cosponsorship of the 2000 Donor Salute on 12 February with the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees and Carmel Public Library Foundation.
 - D. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-2 entering into an Employment Agreement with Rich Guillen for the position of City Administrator.
 - E. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-4 extending an agreement with Neill Engineers Corporation for engineering consultant services through July 1, 2001.
 - F. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-5 extending an agreement with Charles Reiman for services as City Treasurer through July 1, 2001.
 - G. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-7 authorizing an expenditure of \$187.69 from the City Council's Discretionary Account to cover the cost for a wreath for the memorial services of former Mayor, Barney Laiolo.
 - H. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-8 authorizing an expenditure of \$96.53 from the City Council's Discretionary Account to cover the cost for a retirement gift for Jeanne Brehmer.
 - I. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-9 accepting a gift in the amount of \$1,000 from Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop for deposit in the Project St. Bernard account.
 - J. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-11 reducing the membership of the Business District Advisory Committee from 12 members to 11 members.
 - K. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-12 declaring the 1994 Ford Crown Victoria unmarked police sedan and one former U.S. Army utility trailer as surplus equipment and authorizing its disposal by sale or commercial auction.
 - L. Adopt Resolution No. 2001-14 accepting \$500 from the Big Sur International Marathon for deposit in the Mayor's Youth Fund.
 - M. Adopt Findings for Decision overturning the decision of the Planning Commission and granting an appeal filed by Judith and Dennis Miller granting an application for a substantial alteration to an existing non-conforming, single-family residence in excess of 25% of the value of the structure located on the west side of San Antonio Avenue between 10th and 11th Avenues (Block A-3, Portion of Lot 8). The owner of the property is Mallory-Feiner Company.
- VIII. Public Hearings
 - A. Receive Planning Commission recommendation on the Draft Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan and provide policy direction.
- IX. Ordinances
 - A. Consideration of Ordinance No. 2000-09 adopting the 1997 Uniform Fire Code and amending Chapter 8.32 of the Municipal Code (2nd reading)
- X. Orders of Council
 - A. Receive report on fuel options for MST bus fleet and provide guidance to the City's MST representative.
 - B. Receive report from staff regarding providing mail delivery by a contract courier and provide policy direction.
- XI. Resolutions
 - A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2001-6 amending Policy C97-01 Art in Public Places, to include a procedure for evaluating art in public view on private property.
 - B. Consideration of Resolution No. 2001-15 authorizing the execution of a contract with Americanserver.com to create and maintain a City web page in an amount not to exceed \$9,405.
- XII. Adjournment

The next meeting of the City Council will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers are scheduled for:
THE REGULAR MEETING • February 6, 2001 • Tuesday • 3:30 p.m. • City Hall Council Chambers

A LA CARTE

From page 13A

"To circumvent writing a critical column, this reviewer visits a restaurant at least twice — generally once at lunchtime, and once at dinnertime. If both experiences have proved less than enthralling, we put the restaurant in a 'hold' file. Then, after a few months have passed, we make a third visit. If all is still not well, we don't write a review.

"It's been suggested — and perhaps

rightly so — that this is not fair to the reader, that a reviewer should warn the general populace against a possible bad culinary experience. We always hold on to the hope that a restaurant may improve over time, and if it doesn't, it will soon close, anyway."

Morgan welcomes comments, suggestions, recommendations from readers. All are invited to contact this phantom reviewer at Morgan@carmelpinecone.com; fax at 624-8076; or by letter to Morgan, The Carmel Pine Cone, Box G-1, Carmel-by-the-Sea 93921.



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MORGAN'S COFFEE & TEA introduces **Brandon Peterson**, a local visual artist. His show, "Raw Gem Kreashuns," is on display throughout January. His works are inspired by artists that range from M.C. Escher to Mackenzie Thorpe. All are invited to the opening reception, scheduled 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5.

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EDWARD WILLIAM GRECO, 93, son of one of the founding fathers of the Santa Clara Valley and a longtime Carmel resident, died Dec. 29.

Mr. Greco graduated from Santa Clara University and Santa Clara Law School as well as the Stanford University Business School. He worked for IBM for 20 years and also served as a real estate broker in the San Jose area for many years.

He was a member of the Carmel Mission Basilica parish and the Carmel Mission Legion of Mary.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Angele; sons Victor and Edward of Carmel Valley; daughters Angele Borello and Diane of San Jose; brother Vincent of San Francisco and sister Rita Kramer of Palo Alto; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Catholic Charities, 580 Fremont St., Monterey, 93940.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Carmel for **ELIZABETH (BETTY) WHEELER MONNING**, 85, who died Dec. 27 at Canterbury Woods.

Born in Ohio, Mrs. Monning moved with her family to Carmel in 1927. She graduated from Monterey high in 1933 and from Stanford University in 1937, where she belonged to Delta Gamma sorority. She con-

tinued her education at the Katharine Gibbs School in Boston, from which she graduated in 1938. She worked as project manager for Dupont at the 1939-40 World's Fair on Treasure Island in San Francisco.

During World War II she worked as a nurse's aide at Fort Ord and at the Presidio in San Francisco.

Her husband, Maj. Gen. John C. Monning, USAR, died while on active duty in 1967. They lived in Los Angeles and Pasadena where they raised their family until Gen. Monning's death.

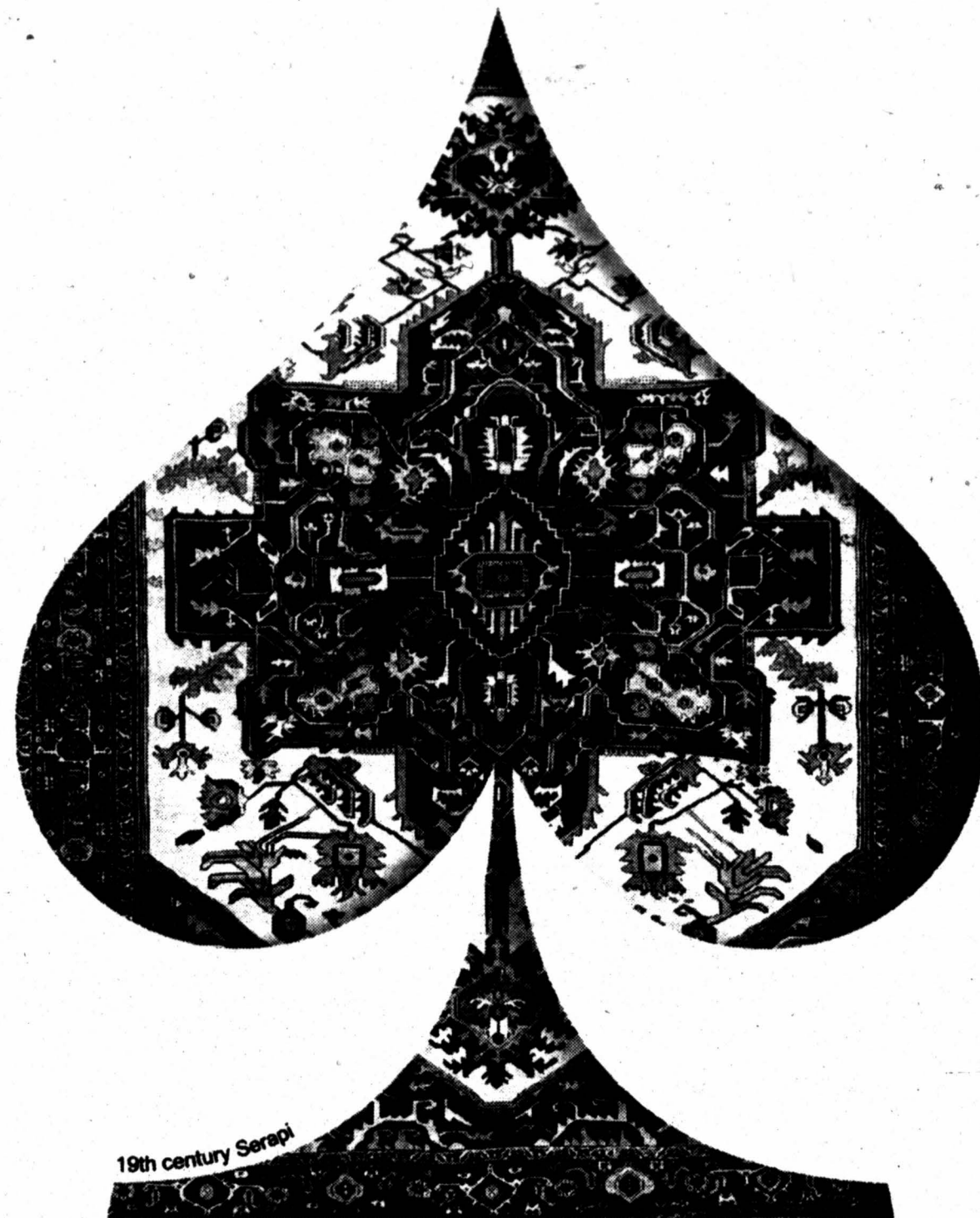
Mrs. Monning returned to Carmel in 1972. She was an accomplished horseback rider, an avid reader and a devoted correspondent. She and her sister, Gingy Williams, were the subjects of an oral history interview conducted by the Carmel Historical Society. She volunteered with various organizations and was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Carmel.

Mrs. Monning is survived by her brother, Willard Wheeler Jr. of Walnut Grove; daughter Barbara of Salinas; son Bill of Carmel; two granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

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Editorial

What constitutes a 'right'?

NEWS COMMENTATORS expressed surprise when Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia said during oral arguments over the disputed presidential election that citizens had no right, under the U.S. Constitution, to vote for their state's presidential electors.

His observation was obviously correct — the Constitution explicitly gives the states the power to determine the method of selecting its electors — but was shocking, nevertheless, because these days all sorts of privileges and benefits are called "rights."

Here in Carmel, for example, having the mail delivered to your home has been decreed a "right." If the residents of the city decide by a majority vote of themselves or their elected representatives not to have home mail delivery within the city limits, the thinking goes, this would be a violation of the rights of the people who want home mail delivery. The point is politically expedient for them because, even if they are in the minority, people who want home mail delivery would be justified in calling in some higher authority to compel the city to give them what they want.

This "right" of mail delivery would go unchallenged if it were asserted only by the city's homebound elderly and disabled residents. The Constitution's guarantee of equal protection could easily be construed to carry with it a right of home mail delivery for people who have no other way to get their mail.

But is there an equal protection claim available for people who simply don't want to go to the post office to pick up their mail? Are a citizen's rights violated every time he doesn't get his way? Hardly.

The question of whether Carmel should have home mail delivery for citizens who desire it is one of those simple questions of civic policy that our democratic process was designed to answer. The city council, after adequate consideration, should decide the issue of mail delivery and that should be that. If a majority of the citizens disagree with the result, they can vote in a new council at the next election.

If the council's decision is to prohibit mail delivery to protect the town's character, it must also provide a method to guarantee home mail delivery to the town's residents whose age or disability makes post office trips difficult. So far, a volunteer effort has turned up only four such families. Taking care of them — and protecting their rights — won't be hard. Nobody else's rights are at stake.

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The Pine Cone is no longer able to accept letters-to-the-editor by fax. Please submit your letters by U.S. mail, e-mail, or in person (addresses are provided below).

Changes downtown

Dear Editor:

My thanks to Vinz Koller for his Dec. 22 letter to the Pine Cone re mail deliveries for city residents. It was a very intelligent presentation of the situation and an understanding of the needs of elderly and infirm residents of this city.

In the meantime, I note that the various changes in Carmel's downtown make it no longer possible to find low-priced grocery items and other miscellaneous items there. The down town serves out-of-town visitors in search of art items, expensive clothing, jewelry, etc. Only banks and the post office

serve our needs.

Although I can still get to the post office for my mail, I'm not sure how long this will be possible. When it isn't, I would like to feel that mail will be delivered by the Post Office — not volunteers (it's a federal service!) In the meantime, I see no problem with street numbers, mail boxes, etc. for those who need it.

Louise H. Stuart, Carmel

'Richly deserved' sign

Dear Editor:

On Friday, December 29th, some public-spirited citizen wishing to memorialize the contributions of our two professional politicians, Dave Potter and Fred Keeley, erected a sign on the east side of Highway 1 just south of the Carmel River bridge. The sign said: "Welcome to the Potter/Keeley bottleneck."

The sign was particularly apropos because on that day northbound traffic was backed up on Highway 1 bumper to bumper from Carmel Valley Road all the way south to the Highlands Inn from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Unfortunately some vandal removed the sign on Saturday thus depriving Potter and Keeley of some of the recognition they so richly deserve for their successful efforts to kill the Hatton Canyon Parkway and thus perpetuate our continuing Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road traffic imbroglio.

Don Corzine, Carmel Highlands

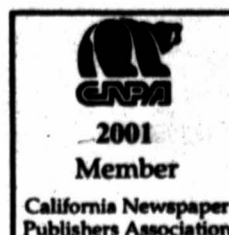
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SPCA

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Tiscornia said. He pointed to research showing the link between cruelty to animals and domestic violence. While one of the SPCA's main objectives is preventing animal cruelty, it can also help to get humans out of abusive situations, Tiscornia said.

Approximately 70 percent of domestic violence victims who refuse to come into a shelter do so because they are pet owners, afraid to lose their dogs and cats, Tiscornia said.

As the new leader of Monterey County's SPCA, Tiscornia hopes to collaborate with domestic violence shelters to provide temporary shelter for pets while their owners seek help.

Tiscornia would also like to set up a program that would teach at-risk youths how to train animals.

"On the rehabilitation side, we find that

youth at risk benefit greatly when allowed to bond with and train a pet," Tiscornia said. "And it makes the animals more adoptable. It's a win-win situation."

Pets can also make an extraordinary difference in the lives of the elderly who often live alone.

Tiscornia hopes the SPCA can work to spread awareness about the importance of beloved pets in the lives of seniors and convince housing developments to allow pets.

"Sometimes their pet is their life," Tiscornia said. "It's wrenching to talk to a person in tears on the phone who has to give up their pet. It's a quality of life issue. And for us, that's an issue of building awareness."

He is also excited to be leading an organization that has a full wildlife rehabilitation program. "From what I've seen, we're doing an incredible job with facilities that are somewhat old and somewhat in need of refurbishment," Tiscornia said.

A different path

Tiscornia, who served as executive director of the Michigan Humane Society for the past 11 years, succeeds former SPCA chief Priscilla Stockner, who became a controversial figure in Monterey County for aggressively promoting a "no kill" policy.

When asked for his opinion about a "no kill" policy, Tiscornia didn't mince his words.

"No kill" is probably the most divisive thing that has hit the animal protection agency in the last 50 years," he said. "It is largely a semantic game that pits shelter against shelter."

Tiscornia believes that the best way to prevent animals from being killed is to promote a spirit of cooperation between animal control agencies.

"Our goal is to work collaboratively with Monterey County and Salinas to reduce euthanasia overall and increase adoptions — not at the expense of one facility."

The Monterey County SPCA will give Tiscornia a slightly different role than the Michigan Humane Society, which was more involved in pursuing legislation.

During his tenure in Michigan, Tiscornia

was instrumental in getting new laws passed that limit the ownership of exotic pets — especially wolf hybrids, which were responsible for killing three children.

Tiscornia, who holds a law degree, was largely responsible for the financial turnaround of the Michigan Humane Society.

"We were in a difficult situation with \$1 million in current debt and no liquid assets to pay it with," he explained. "I was very pleased to be able to leave there with the organization's budget doubled and \$7 million in reserves."

The dramatic turnaround was accomplished by trimming the fat out of the budget, eliminating some staff positions "that turned out to be unnecessary," Tiscornia said.

Tiscornia believes SPCA, with has a staff of 50 and a \$3-million a year annual budget that comes predominantly from donations, has a major obligation to make the most of that money.

"We have an obligation to run this organization as a business with a heart," Tiscornia said. "Donors have a right to expect their dollars to be put to work for animal welfare."

FORGE

From page 9A

to Hanifan.

"And we want to include anyone who's ever worked here," he said. "At that time, we'll unveil the final menu and wine list."

Improvements

Meanwhile, the Forge is closed for a few weeks while it gets a new roof, and other work is planned for the buildings on the property as well, according to Mandurrago.

"I am going to be doing some improvements to the restaurant to make it physically more efficient," he said, declining to go into further detail. "And then I'm going to be making some improvements to some of the other buildings on the site."

But Mandurrago said he is comfortable taking a back seat in the operations of the restaurant.

"To me, it's a real estate investment," he said. "I'm not a restaurateur."

Neither is Hanifan, who confessed he

knows nothing more about restaurants than how to order off a menu.

"But I don't need to, because I have a whole crew working for me, and they know what they're doing," he said.

Months ago, when he heard the property was selling and the former tenant was moving out, Hanifan said he couldn't imagine the beloved Forge — which was once a working blacksmith's shop — fading away for lack of somebody to run it, and the thought of employees running the place came to mind.

"I have an unnatural affection for this place that I can't explain," he said. "I am the 24/7 guy here, I love this place, and I couldn't see the restaurant going out of business."

Mandurrago is also enthusiastic for the business' future, and may come to like the dual identity after all.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "I'm going to go out and buy a white dinner jacket and walk around like Rick in 'Casablanca.'"

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By MARY BROWNFIELD

SO MANY people came out for the Rio Resolution Run on New Year's Day that race organizers ran out of bib numbers, according to race director Julie Ann Lozano.

The company hired to time the race came through with extra bibs at the last minute, she said, and more than 1,200 runners helped raise an estimated \$22,000 to \$25,000 for Suicide Prevention Services of the Central

Coast.

"This is their only fundraiser," Lozano said. "We also call it a friend-raiser, because they're trying to recruit volunteers."

The race director attributed some of the big increase in participants this year to families of four, five, even six people who all signed for either the three-mile family fun walk/run or the 6.8-mile run.

"Luckily," she said, "we didn't run out of food."

The run set itself apart from other races again this year by serving a pancake, sausage and scrambled egg brunch — along with juice, milk and coffee from Carmel Valley Roasting Company — to every registered walker or runner.

Non-athletes (and people who were too exhausted from the previous night's partying) paid five bucks just for the food — not much to avoid walking or running through Mission Trails Park and the streets of Carmel for their breakfasts.

Kiwanis of the Monterey Peninsula helped out by flipping pancakes and serving the brunch food prepared by Rio Grill chefs on the sunny first day of the new year.

"It's not an easy feat to feed 1,500 people," Lozano said.

One of those was Lozano's own 9-year-

old son, Matt, who finished fifth in his age group for the 6.8-mile run with a time of one hour and 15 minutes. The long race includes a mile on the beach.

He was among the high number of participants under the age of 10 — another statistic that set a record this year, according to Lozano.

"Tony [Tollner] invited all kids 10 and under to come up on stage, and gave them all a little prize for running — we must have had 40 or 50 kids come up, all 10 and under — it was really neat," she said. Tollner, who owns the Rio Grill, started the Rio Resolution Run 11 years ago.

"We also had quite a few runners with strollers," Lozano added.

And, as is ever important in Carmel, "lots of dogs."

Marathoners will run for Hearst Castle

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN MARATHONER Damien Wayne, program director of the Hearst Castle Preservation Foundation, began searching for new ways to raise money, an ideal solution sprung to mind: run.

"A marathon seemed like a perfect way to combine two of our missions: fundraising and raising awareness about Hearst Castle," he said.

The inaugural Hearst Castle Marathon will take place Jan. 7, with a full marathon and half marathon that finish at the Hearst Castle Visitor Center. The course does not include the twisting five-mile climb up to the castle, he added.

"It's a moderate course — not very hilly," he said. "There's about 600 feet of elevation gain over the whole course."

The half marathon begins in Cambria at Santa Lucia Middle School and the full marathon starts at Morro Strand State Beach. The courses include some scenic side roads, but most of the course follows Highway 1, according to Wayne.

So far, about 600 runners have registered for the race, and organizers expect another 100 to 150 to sign up at the race expo Jan. 6 or the morning of the marathon the following day.

"That's really good for a first event," he said. "Support has been overwhelming from race directors, people in the industry and in the community."

Proceeds will benefit art restoration and conservation at the castle and foundation efforts to bring underprivileged school children to visit the state park, according to Wayne.

"And the Friends of the Elephant Seal group," he said, which helps protect a sizable colony of the animals that has taken over a beach near San Simeon. "The event itself will have an impact on the community, and we felt that another community nonprofit should share in some of the benefits from the impact."

Wayne, who has run 13 marathons and a few ultramarathons, said the Big Sur International Marathon is his favorite, and solicited help from its organizers in establishing the Hearst Castle Marathon.

"They were very gracious about opening their training manuals to me and taking me through their sponsorship program and volunteer program," he said. "They were very generous in supporting this event."

And Wayne said he anticipates more interest in the marathon after its inaugural event is in the books.

"It really grows after the first year," he said.

Interested runners should call (800) 390-3515 or go to www.hearstcastlemarathon.org. Race Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hearst Castle Visitor Center Jan. 6. Race-day registration is from 6:15 to 6:45 a.m., and shuttles begin leaving for the starting lines at 6:45 a.m.

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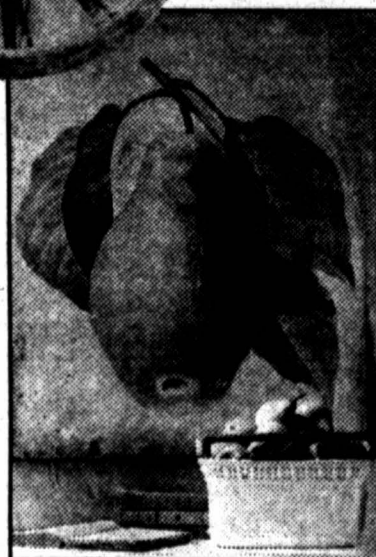
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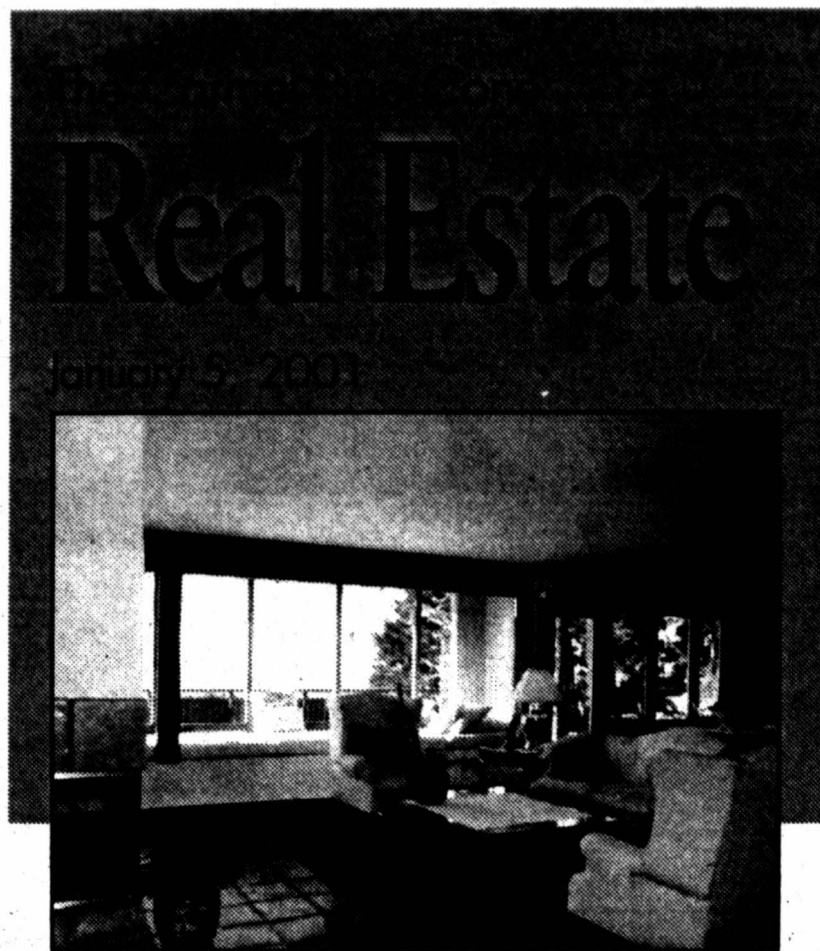


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There's an old joke in real estate which says the three most important things are: location, location, location. Actually there's a fourth: timing. That's where one of Carmel's earliest entrepreneurs blew it. He was about 100 years ahead of his time — or at least 50. His name was S.J. DUCKWORTH; he was 23 years old, operated a real estate agency in Monterey; and he had a vision! Observing the success of Pacific Grove in selling lots for Protestant camp meetings, he reasoned that he could create a Catholic resort in Carmel near the Mission. So in 1886 he bought 234 acres on the northern slope of Carmel from Honore Escolle (an earlier and more timely investor), and in 1888 issued a brochure promoting his property. "Near Mission" in those days was farther way, because his provence was bounded by Ocean Ave. on the south, 1st Street on the north, Monterey St. on the east and "Broadway" on the west. The latter later became Junipero! He predicted that Southern Pacific would extend its line from P.G. to Pebble Beach to the Mission within 2 years. This didn't happen (still hasn't), so although he sold some lots (at \$25 for a corner, \$20 for an inside lot), the project languished and he had to sell out to others. Too much, too soon. Just unlucky. Do you realize we might be living in "Duckworth Shores"?

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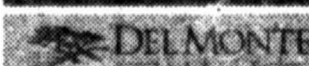
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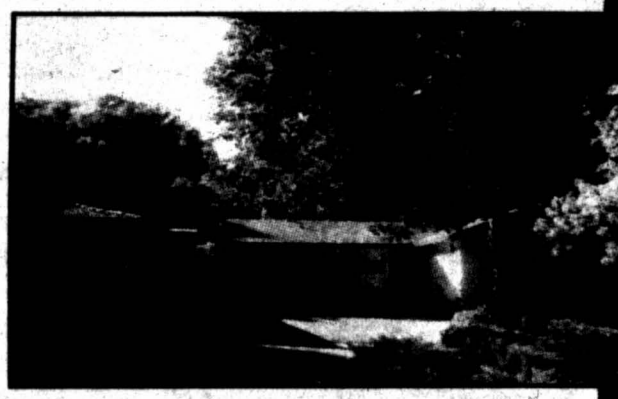
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Cypress Inn expansion will begin soon

By PAUL MILLER

AFTER A three-year journey through the permit process, a proposal to expand the historic Cypress Inn with six new rooms and an upscale restaurant is about to become reality.

"When we first raised the idea with city officials in late 1997, we got nothing but encouragement," one of the inn's owners, Dennis LeVett, recalled this week. "I had no idea it would take so long."

The plan, approved by the city in late 1999 and by the California Coastal Commission last month, includes demolishing a ramshackle assortment of buildings on Lincoln Street just north of the existing hotel and replacing them with a new, two-story wing. The architectural work was done by John Mandurrage.



Final permits for a new wing at the Cypress Inn — with seven guest rooms and a 60-seat restaurant — will probably be issued in the next 60 days. Construction of the 5,738-square-foot project, which includes a gallery devoted to the works of early Carmel artist Mary DeNeale Morgan, is scheduled for completion in mid-2002. A rendering of the new building (in center) shows how it will complement, but not imitate, the existing historic inn (at right). The entrance to the new restaurant will be through the door beneath the rounded awning.

"My first plan included making the new building look like it had always been there," Mandurrage said. But Carmel's historic preservation committee asked for a change. "They said, 'No, make the new building look different,' so that's what we did."

"The new wing will complement the historic building, but not imitate it, which is what historians want," LeVett said. "The new building is going to be the Cypress Inn, it is going to look like the Cypress Inn, but there's going to be a distinction between the old and the new."

Final construction drawings for the 5,739-square-foot expansion have been submitted to the city planning department, LeVett said. According to Mandurrage, final building permits will probably be issued in the next two months.


The new 60-seat, Cypress Inn restaurant, which LeVett said will probably open in

mid-2002, could become an instant Carmel favorite, since some of the world's best-known restaurateurs have expressed an interest in it. LeVett said he and his fellow owners, actress Dorris Day and her son, Terry Melcher, are negotiating with the famed restaurant group, Petrossian, over the new restaurant space.

"A Petrossian Carmel restaurant would have a much broader menu than their caviar restaurant in New York," LeVett said.

Another feature of the Cypress Inn expansion will be a gallery devoted to the works of Mary DeNeale Morgan, whose former studio is one of the buildings to be demolished.

"She was one of the earliest Carmel artists, since she moved here in 1903. Her work is just a fascinating look at that era," LeVett said.



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REAL ESTATE

Water management district diligently counts every drop

By MARY BROWNFIELD

OF THE 239 private wells in the Carmel River aquifer between the Carmel Valley Village and the Pacific Ocean, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District knows how much water is pumped from the river by nearly all of them, according to water management district planner Henrietta Stern.

And that knowledge will increase if Ordinance 96 — which gives the district greater control over the drilling of private wells — is approved on its second reading by the board of directors Jan. 25.

The ordinance requires that any new well drilled within 1,000 feet of the Carmel River Alluvial Aquifer or one of its tributaries include a meter, regardless of how much or how little water it will pump.

The rules were last changed in November 1991, when all existing wells producing more than five acre-feet per year

were required to be metered. It also demanded that meters be placed on all new wells.

But the ordinance allowed a variance for hardship, according to Stern. That variance will be eliminated with final approval of Ordinance 96.

"Any new well, regardless of size, will now require a meter," she said.

How much?

During the year ending June 30, 2000, 239 non-Cal-Am wells in Carmel Valley pumped 2,118 acre-feet — or about 700 million gallons — according to Stern.

"We monitor through our well metering registration and reporting program," she said. "There is over 95 percent compliance, so we have a very good handle on the number of wells in production. Every year, all existing wells must report to us."

Last year, 113 unmetered wells pumped 121 acre-feet, according to Stern. Their production is estimated based on the use of the water and the amount of land on which it is used. Metered wells in the area, numbering 126, produced 1,997 acre-feet during the water year ended June 30, 2000.

The 1991 rule created a lot of controversy when it was passed, but people only benefit from metering their wells, according to Stern.

"A meter is the best way to show you have a water right. The people who wanted to show they had been producing a certain amount of water put on meters," she said, adding that the state recognizes and honors such records.

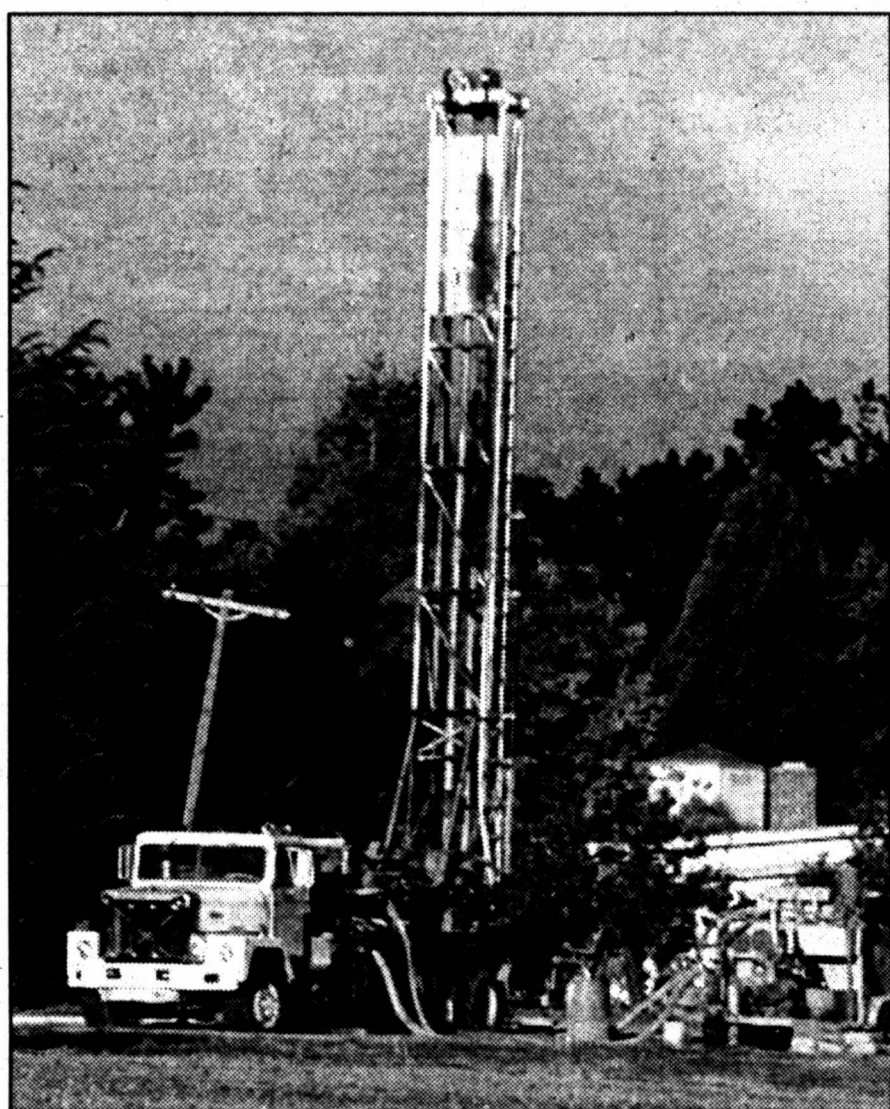
Otherwise, she said, estimates may be lower than actual use.

"If you don't have a meter, people are going to guess how much you use," she said. "People over time who were at first reluctant have seen the wisdom and the value of getting a meter installed."

It's also prudent, she said, for people to know how

much water they are actually using.

"A meter is the best way not only to prove and maintain a water right, but it's good management, like having a good gas gauge on your car," she said.



An ordinance set for passage this month by the water management district will require that all new wells in Carmel Valley—such as this one drilled off Schulte Road—be metered.

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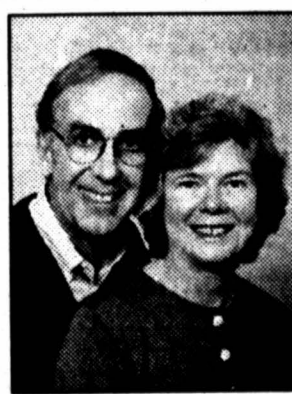
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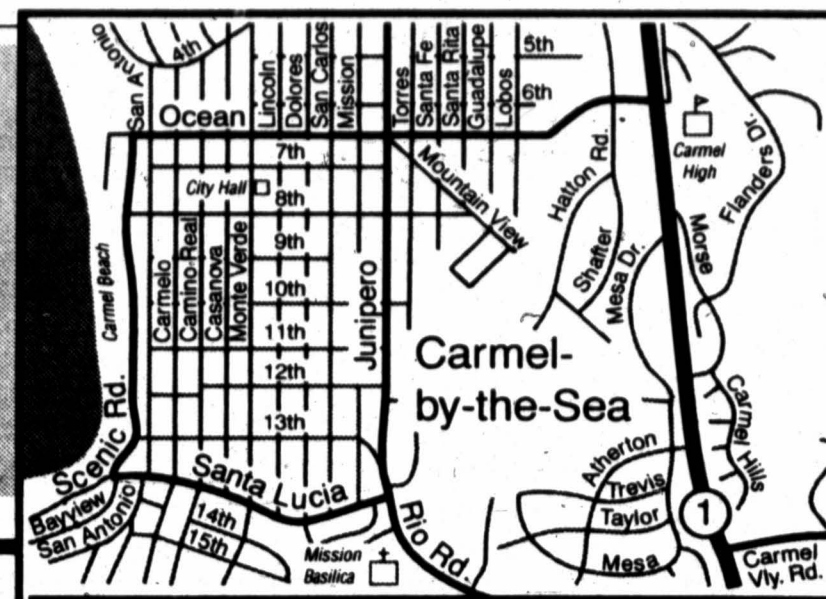
Carmel's expansive "Villa San Pietro" presides over a large lot affording ocean views, gorgeous terraces and lovely landscaping. Full of rich detail — imported tile, hand-hewn beams, fine hardwood floors, wrought iron wall sconces — this unique residence has been recently updated and restored while maintaining its distinctive character and unique appeal. Originally built for Countess Dandini as an authentic replica of her lavish Italian villa, this very special property brings together the best of two worlds — Italy and Carmel.

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CARMEL

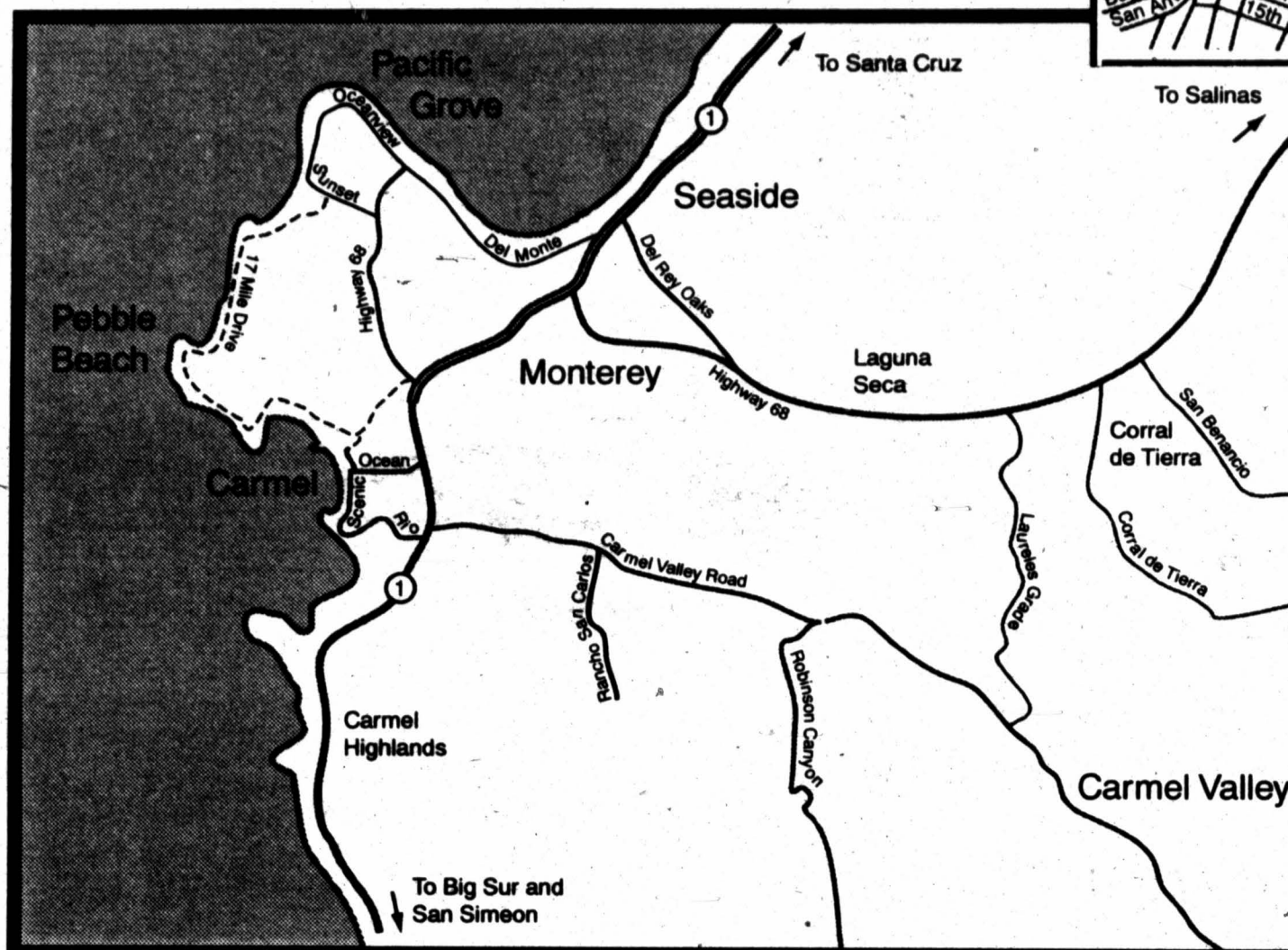
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| \$545,000 | 2bd 2ba | Sa 1-3 |
| 3850 Rio Rd unit 66 Arroyo Carmel | | Carmel |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2221 |
| \$699,000 | 2bd 2ba | Sa 1-3 Su 2-4 |
| 5 NW Torres & Third | | Carmel |
| Burchell House Properties | | 624-6461 |
| \$780,000 | 3bd 2ba | Sa 11-2 Su 12-3 |
| 24770 Lower Trail | | Carmel |
| Fouratt-Simmons | | 624-3829 |
| \$849,000 | 4bd 3ba | Sa 2-4 |
| Guadalupe 2 SE of 2nd | | Carmel |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2221 |
| \$899,000 | 2bd 1ba | Sa Su 2-4 |
| 24439 San Juan | | Carmel |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$965,000 | 3bd 3ba | Sa & Su 10-4 |
| 25050 Outlook Dr | | Carmel |
| Camille Calenda | | 648-1872 |
| \$990,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 1-3 |
| Lincoln 5 SW of 3rd | | Carmel |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2223 |
| \$1,250,000 | 3bd 2.5ba | Sa 1-4 |
| San Carlos 3NW CamDl Monte n/Hofas-Hs | | Carmel |
| Carmel Realty | | 624-6482 |
| \$1,285,000 | 3bd 2ba | Sa & Su 1-3 |
| San Carlos 2NE of Camino DI Monte | | Carmel |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$1,350,000 | 3bd 3ba | Sa 12-3 Su 1-4 |
| Santa Fe 3 NE of Mountain View | | Carmel |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$1,690,000 | 3bd 2ba | Sa 1-3 |
| 2509 San Antonio 2SW Santa Lucia | | Carmel |
| Carmel Realty | | 624-6482 |
| \$1,695,000 | 2bd 2.5ba | Su 1:30-4 |
| 3205 Camino Del Monte | | Carmel |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$1,795,000 | 3bd 2ba | Sa 2-4 Su 1-3 |
| Santa Rita 4 SW of 2nd * | | Carmel |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$1,795,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 2-4 |
| SW Cor Dolores & 13th | | Carmel |
| Burchell House Properties | | 624-6461 |
| \$1,795,000 | 2bd 2ba | Sa & Su 1-3 |
| Carmelo & 9th NW Cor | | Carmel |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$2,195,000 | 4bd 3ba | Sa & Su 1-4 |
| 26271 Camino Real | | Carmel |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$2,269,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 1-3 |
| Santa Fe & 3rd SW Cor | | Carmel |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2225 |
| \$2,395,000 | 4bd 2ba | Sa & Su 1-4 |
| 24393 Portola Ave | | Carmel |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$2,400,000 | 2bd 2ba | Sa & Su 2-4 |
| 26289 Isabella Ave | | Carmel |
| John Saar Properties | | 625-0500 |
| \$2,795,000 | 5bd 4ba | Sa 1-4 Su 2-4 |
| 25690 Hatton Rd | | Carmel |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |
| \$3,900,000 | 3bd 2ba | FriSaSu 1-6 |
| 2536 14th Ave | | Carmel |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |

CARMEL VALLEY

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|---------------------------|---------|---------------|
| \$599,000 | 3bd 2ba | Sa 2-4 |
| 131 E Carmel Valley Rd | | Carmel Valley |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$750,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 2-4 |
| 171 El Caminito Rd | | Carmel Valley |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |
| \$799,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 2-4 |
| 25450 Tierra Grande | | Carmel Valley |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

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| \$895,000 | 3bd 2ba | Sa 1-3 |
| 119 Oak Way | | Crml Highland |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2221 |
| \$1,395,000 | 3bd 3ba | Su 1-3 |
| 148 San Remo x Mal Paso | | Crml Highland |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$1,695,000 | 3bd 4ba | Sa 1-3 Su 10-12 |
| 6 Mentone Rd | | Crml Highland |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |



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| \$2,475,000 | 3bd 3ba | Su 1:30-4 |
| 89 Yankee Point Drive | | Crml Highland |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |
| \$4,495,000 | 3bd 3.5ba | Sa 2-4 Su 1-4 |
| 101 Lower Walden | | Crml Highland |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |
| \$4,750,000 | 4bd 3.5ba | Su 11-1:30 |
| 138 Yankee Point | | Crml Highland |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |

MONTEREY

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| \$375,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 1:30-3:30 |
| 258 Lerwick Drive x Ramona | | Monterey |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$449,000 | 4bd 3ba | Sa Su 12-3 |
| 258 Lerwick Drive | | Monterey |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$599,000 | 5bd 2ba | Su 1-4 |
| 1501 Via Isla x Josselyn Cyn Rd | | Monterey |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$775,000 | 3bd 2ba | Sa & Su 1-4 |
| 12 Ave Maria Rd | | Monterey |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$799,000 | 3bd 3ba | Su 1-4 |
| 898 Colton | | Monterey |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$1,195,000 | 3bd 2.5ba | Sa & Su 1-3 |
| 1443 Manor Rd | | Monterey |
| Fouratt-Simmons | | 624-3829 |
| \$1,750,000 | 3bd 3.5ba | Su 1-3 |
| 1420 Deer Flat Rd | | Monterey |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |

MTY/SALINAS HWY

| | | |
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| \$499,000 | 2bd 2ba | Sa 1-3:30 |
| 13 Paseo Tercero | | Mtry/Sins Hwy |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |

N. MONTEREY COUNTY

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|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| \$795,000 | 5bd 3ba | Su 1-4 |
| 16470 Twin Lakes Drive | | N Mty County |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$495,000 | 3bd 2.5ba | Su 12-3 |
| 14631 Scarlet Oak Place | | N Mty County |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |

PEBBLE BEACH

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| \$599,000 | 3bd 3ba | Sa 1-3 |
| #5 Shepherd's Knoll - 17 Mile Dr | | Pebble Beach |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2223 |
| \$839,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 12-2 |
| 2919 Colton | | Pebble Beach |
| Burchell House Properties | | 624-6461 |
| \$875,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 1-4 |
| 3115 Middle Ranch Rd | | Pebble Beach |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$895,000 | 3bd 3ba | Sa 1-3 |
| 1056 Ortega | | Pebble Beach |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |
| \$995,000 | 3bd 2ba | Sa 1-4 |
| 3109 Hermitage Rd | | Pebble Beach |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$1,345,000 | 3bd 2.5ba | Sa & Su 1-3 |
| 979 Cayuse x Stevenson | | Pebble Beach |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2226 |
| \$2,800,000 | 5bd 3ba | Su 1-4 |
| 1507 Viscaino Rd | | Pebble Beach |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |
| \$3,250,000 | 3bd 2.5ba | Su 1-3 |
| 1016 Rodeo Rd | | Pebble Beach |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2223 |
| \$5,950,000 | 3bd 4+ba | Sa & Su 1-3 |
| 3294 Stevenson Drive | | Pebble Beach |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |

S. SALINAS

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| \$475,000 | 4bd 2.5ba | Sa 1-4 |
| 759 Nacional Court | | S Salinas |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |

SEASIDE

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|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| \$278,000 | 2bd 1ba | Sa 1-4 |
| 1833 Waring Ave | | Seaside |
| Alain Pinel Realtors | | 622-1040 |
| \$375,000 | 3bd 2ba | Su 1:30-3:30 |
| 1841 Judson St | | Seaside |
| Coldwell Banker Del Monte | | 626-2222 |
| \$395,000 | 3bd 1.5ba | Su 1:30-4 |
| 1058 Cadiz Ct | | Seaside |
| Mitchell Group | | 624-0136 |

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Experts say low mortgage rates will go lower still

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AFTER A STEEP decline in home mortgage rates at the end of 2000, this week's 1/2 point cut in the discount rate by the Federal Reserve Board seems likely to send mortgage rates to their lowest levels in more than two years.

According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, in December interest rates hit a 19-month low — an average of 7.13 percent for 30-year fixed mortgages — leading to a boom in refinancings.

The association said 40 percent of all mortgage applications last week were for refi's.

Wednesday's action by the Fed came after a two-year campaign of increasing interest rates to slow down the economy, which fed chairman Alan Greenspan had repeatedly warned was getting too hot. The higher interest rates worked — but the slowdown unfortunately coincided with a collapse in many tech stocks. Combined, the forces made last year one of the worst ever on Wall Street, with both the Dow and the NASDAQ substantially lower on Dec. 31, 2000, than they were a year earlier.

Before the slowdown, the colossal fortunes made in Silicon Valley had created a big run up in local real estate prices over the last three years — a trend some local real estate agents warned could not continue.

Despite the slowing economy, lower interest rates will help support local home prices, realtors say.

"The decline in mortgage rates will certainly help the California real estate market," said Barbara Simmons, owner of the Carmel-based Fouratt-Simmons real estate agency. But she said complicated forces are at work in the economy, making it difficult to predict what will happen to home prices this year.

"Consumer confidence is a big factor, and national surveys show that it is down," Simmons said.

In cutting interest rates this week, the Fed cited tightening credit, high energy prices and poor consumer confidence as reasons for the move.

According to Simmons, lower interest rates make homes more affordable for families and first-time buyers. "We are an area where affordability is a big problem, so anything that makes home buying a little cheaper is a help," she said.

Even purchasers of multi-million dollar homes are helped by lower rates.

"A lot of them pay cash, but a lower rate will help them take cash out if they need to," Simmons said.

Another factor supporting local home prices is the continuing shortage of homes on the market.

"This holiday season wasn't busy for buyers, which should create an increase in inventory — but that hasn't really happened, either," Simmons said.

National real estate experts say a tax cut — which President-elect George W. Bush has said will be one of the priorities of his administration — will also make home buying easier for millions of Americans.

Mitchell Group moves into software

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A LOCAL REAL ESTATE agency announced this week it has formed a partnership with a software firm — the Synteleos Transaction Management Network — to facilitate real estate transactions on-line.

According to Mitchell Group managing broker Kent Nelson, the Synteleos system will allow "all parties in a real estate transaction to communicate, exchange documents and share data via a password-protected" system via the Internet.

According to Synteleos, the goal of its software is to "allow the real estate transaction process to be seamlessly managed via the Internet." Users will be able, for example, to order and confirm inspections, upload and view contracts and generate daily progress reports.

"The Mitchell Group is very excited to be the first real estate company on the Monterey Peninsula to offer this program, which will improve the overall process of a real estate transaction," Nelson said.

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OCEAN VIEW ESTATE in

Pebble Beach

Majestically placed on 17 Mile Drive, this stately mansion embodies a gracious grandeur. A massive exterior staircase leads up to the grand entry and into a world of luxury. Masterfully sited to maximize both views and privacy, this six-year old four bedroom, four bath residence has a well-designed floorplan that offers ocean views from all rooms.

~ Offered at \$14,900,000 ~

EXPANSIVE ELEGANCE in

Carmel Point

Walk to the beach or relax to the sounds of the sea from one of the two private patio areas wrapped around this lovely, larger-than-usual Carmel Point home. Recently remodeled, the spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath residence offers gleaming hardwood floors, skylights, a fireplace, 2 master suites, and French doors opening onto the two separate patios.

~ Offered at \$2,195,000 ~

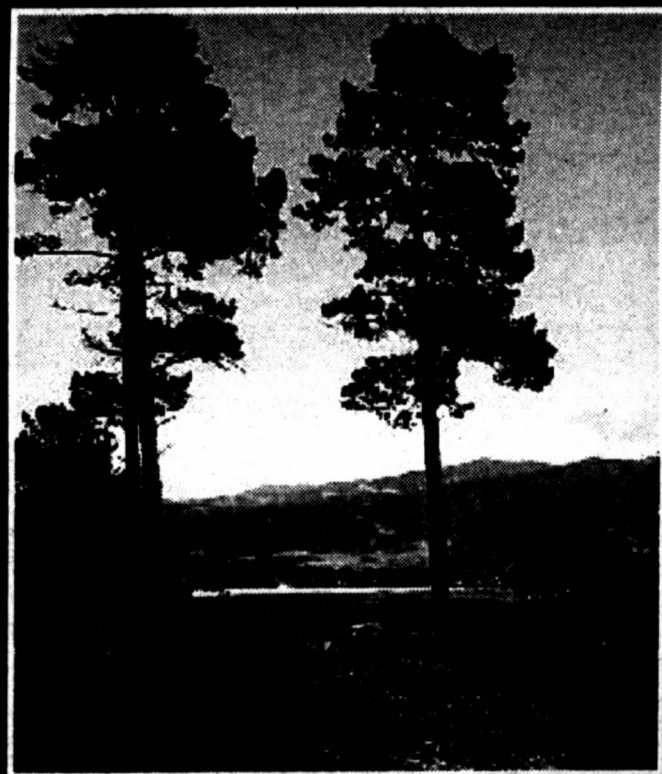


CREATE YOUR DREAM in

Pebble Beach

Ocean views unfold before this venerable Pebble Beach home with the potential to evolve into a grand estate. The 1.62 acre level lot offers complete privacy, with room for a possible tennis court — and the existing residence has enough water credits to create the estate of your dreams near The Lodge at Pebble Beach!

~ Offered at \$5,950,000 ~

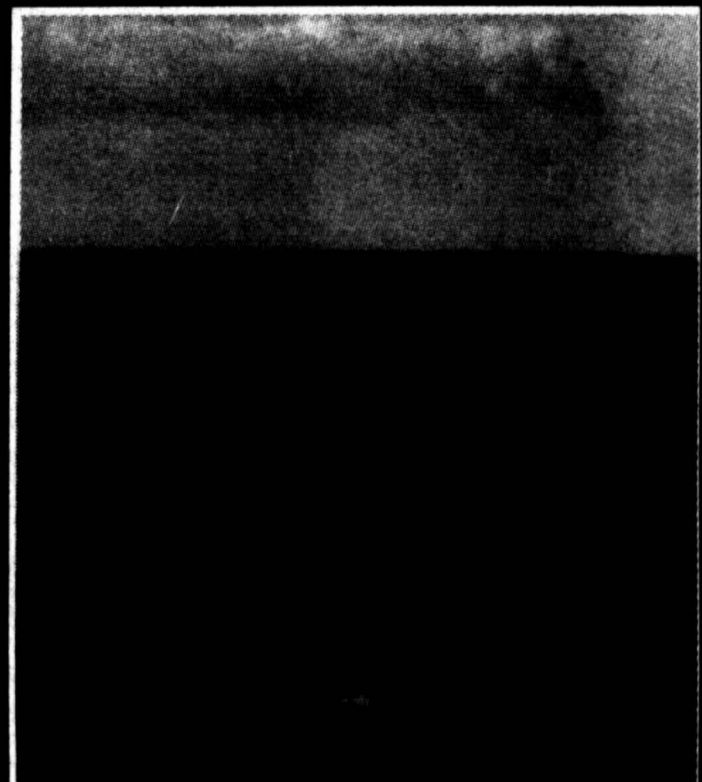


PACIFIC PANORAMA in

Carmel Highlands

An exquisite, professionally designed interior accents the architecture of this breathtaking 3,400 sq. ft. ocean-view home. Its gracious master suite opens onto a private view deck; the custom library features superb cabinetry and bookshelves. A fabulous gourmet kitchen offers new top-of-the-line appliances, gorgeous granite counters, and an adjacent ocean-view breakfast solarium.

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POLICE LOG

From page 4A

Junipero residence. Neighbor reported flames emitting from the chimney. Flames were caused by excessive paper and boxes stuffed in the fireplace. There was no actual fire.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Roll-away vehicle into a residence fence at Carpenter and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of suspicious pick-up truck in the area. A passenger possibly looking for money in trash cans left for garbage collectors as holiday presents. Checked area — no vehicles or persons located.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of suspicious circumstances at a Mission inn.

Carmel area: Chiquito Place resident reported the theft of several pieces of silverware from within her house.

Carmel area: Mission Fields Road resident reported the theft and vandalism of items in his front yard.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Guests at a Monte Verde hotel

complained of subjects talking loudly in the courtyard. Upon arrival, contacted the subject and advised him of the complaint. He and his party quieted down.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man was seen walking in the business district and looked to be very intoxicated. Contacted him and he was found to be in fact very intoxicated. He was arrested at San Carlos and Ocean, booked and transported to Monterey PD to be held until sober. Citation issued.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: On responding to a smoke detector activation at the bathrooms at Forest Hill Park, CFD found that someone had ignited a roll of toilet paper in the men's room. No damage to the structure. Close patrol requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Guest at a Lincoln residence was contacted in regards to a sewage blockage originating from that location. As a result of the blockage, sewage water was leaking into the street from the clean-out cover. Building official arrived on scene and advised that he will be contacting the property management group to expedite a response from a plumbing company for cleanup.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog at a Carmelo residence. The resident was not at home. A note was left at the front door explaining the situation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog at Mission and First. There was a dog in the back yard. The residents were not home and a note was left.

Carmel area: Assisted employees of a Via Nona Marie office with a smoke alarm that was going off for no apparent reason. Possibly due to the power outage of 12/24/00.

Carmel area: Assisted a woman at Hacienda Carmel with her elderly aunt, who was refusing to take her medications.

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) attempted to steal a 14th Avenue resident's credit card information. It was caught by the credit card company before any fraudulent purchases were made.

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) stole a Fern Canyon resident's laptop computer and digital camera.

Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Security reported suspicious circumstances at MPCC. Information forwarded to the detective division.

Carmel area: Oliver Road resident reported a neighbor's dog barking all day. Contacted the dog owner, who said he just arrived home from San Diego and the dog missed him.

Pebble Beach: Seventeen Mile Drive resident reported that on 12/13/00 her home was possibly burglarized. No signs of forced entry.

Big Sur: Bartender at Fernwood called 911 on a loud customer who left when he called 911.

Carmel Valley: Man was cited at Esquiline and Carmel Valley Road for driving without a license and his vehicle was towed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: "Emergency Protective Order" served to a man at his place of business.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a dog within a gray Nissan Maxima parked at Seventh and San Carlos with no ventilation. Parking officer and police officer located the vehicle in question; however, there was no dog within the cabin area. The driver/RO apparently removed the animal prior to officers' arrival. No merit to any emergency.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of people in a green Ford van taking items from on top of trash receptacles which were left as gifts for Waste Management workers. No further information was available on the vehicle or subjects. An area check was made; they were gone upon arrival.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check requested on a

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PEBBLE BEACH

Privacy in a Forest Setting

This older, well-maintained 3 BR/2 BA Pebble Beach home features fireplace & wine cellar. This home also features a 1 BR guest quarters w/kitchen & fireplace, or property could be easily converted back into a 4 BR home. The large back yard backs to a greenbelt which creates a tranquil, private setting. \$1,050,000.

Agent: Cameron Davi (831) 373-2222

PEBBLE BEACH

Unique Opportunity to Buy!

In a desirable area close to Poppy Hills, MPCC, Spanish Bay & RLS School. This home is a ranch-style 3 bed, 2 bath home on a flat lot located on a quiet street in the Del Monte Forest. (Purchase is subject to existing lease through 2/02.) \$810,000.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002376. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **ROCK ROSE CONCEPTS**, 225 Crossroads Blvd., PMB 353, Carmel, CA 93923. DIANE RESETER FARMER, NW Corner 11th & Camino Real, Carmel, CA 93920. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2000. (s) Diane Resetar Farmer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 27, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 2001. (PC1215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002461. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **QMG AMERICA**, 1285 N. Main Street, #204, Salinas, CA 93906. QUALITY HOME LOANS, California, 500 E. Esplanade Dr., #102, Oxnard, CA 93030. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2000. (s) Christopher Powell, Secretary, Quality Home Loans. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 8, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 2001. (PC1216)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002460. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **SALINAS REHABILITATION AND CARE CENTER**, 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901. SALINAS CARE CENTER, INC., California, 637 E. Romie Lane, Salinas, CA 93901. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 8, 2000. (s) Jan A. Beresford, President, Salinas Care Center, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 19, 1996. Publication dates: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 2001. (PC1217)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002454. The following person(s) is(are) doing business

as **DESTINY PUBLISHING**, 4036 Sunset Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. CATHERINE COBURN, 4036 Sunset Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 7, 2000. (s) Catherine Coburn. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 12, 2001. (PC1219)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002508. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **POWER PARTNERS; INTERWEB PRODUCTIONS**, 225 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, CA 93950. DEUBER & VILLACRES, INC. (California Corporation), 225 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, CA 93950. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 5, 2000. (s) Jane Deuber, CEO, Deuber & Villacres, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 12, 2001. (PC1220)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002366. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **RANCHO MULTI-MEDIA**, 268 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. WILLIAM L. RY, 268 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 2, 2001. (s) William L. Ry. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 22, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 22, 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 12, 2001. (PC1221)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002503. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **GILROY FOODS**, 201 Bitterwater Road, King City, CA 93930. CONAGRA FOODS, INC., Delaware, One ConAgra Drive, CC-237, Omaha, NE

68102. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above upon filing. (s) Debra L. Keith, Vice President-Tax, ConAgra Foods, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 22, 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 12, 2001. (PC1225)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In the Matter of the Application of MARY KATHRYN PEARL WITZLEB, petitioner, for Change of Name
Case No. M51853.
WHEREAS, Mary Pearl Witzleb, petitioner, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing petitioner's name from Mary Kathryn Pearl Witzleb to Mary Kathryn Pearl von Witzleben;

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Department TBA of this court, located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940, on Jan. 19, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in The Carmel Pine Cone, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.
Date: Dec. 20, 2000.
Publication dates: Dec. 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2001. (PC1230)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In the Matter of the Application of ROBERT WILLIAM WITZLEB, petitioner, for Change of Name
Case No. M51852.
WHEREAS, Robert William Witzleb, petitioner, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing petitioner's name from Robert William Witzleb to Robert William von Witzleben;

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the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in The Carmel Pine Cone, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.
Date: Dec. 20, 2000.
Publication dates: Dec. 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2001. (PC1231)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002433. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **BEAR LANDSCAPE & PAVING**, 6th house NW of Palov St. on N Casanova, Carmel, CA 93921. BRIAN AUSTIN MULLEN, 6th house NW of Palov St. on N Casanova, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 2000. (s) Brian Mullen. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 4, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 29, 2000, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2001. (PC1232)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In the Matter of the Application of NATHAN CRISTIAN GUIDO, minor, SANDRA GUIDO, petitioner, for Change of Name
Case No. M51857.
WHEREAS, the Petition of SANDRA GUIDO, for and on behalf of her son NATHAN CRISTIAN GUIDO, has been filed with the Clerk of this Court for an Order changing the Applicant's name from NATHAN CRISTIAN GUIDO to NATHAN CRISTIAN ANGUIANO;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons in said matter appear before this court on February 2, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., in Dept. #17 to show cause why this Petition for Change of Name should not be granted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the day of said hearing in The Carmel Pine Cone, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Monterey
Date: Dec. 20, 2000.
(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Publication dates: January 5, 12, 19,

26, 2001. (PC101)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002364. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **ADV INSURANCE AGENCY**, 2890 Monterey Road, San Jose, CA 95111. SAN JOSE ADVANTAGE HOMES, INC. 4000 Moorpark Ave., Ste. 100 San Jose, CA 95117. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/00. (s) Glenn Cillian. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 22, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000. (PC1207)

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AP No: 418-321-008-000 T.D.
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Santa Rita resident. No one was at home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a water leak at Scenic and 10th. Sprinkler system (on timer) keeps activating and one of the sprinklers is not operating properly. No way to shut off system.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject riding a gas-powered skateboard at 13th and San Antonio. Advised of violation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of vandalism to a vehicle parked at Casanova and Ocean. Damage less than \$400.

Carmel area: Man reported that while working at a Carmelo Street location, \$100 and Ray-Ban sunglasses were taken from his unlocked work truck. No suspect info.

Carmel area: Cabrillo Road resident reported the theft of personal checks by an ex-tenant. Case under investigation.

Carmel Valley: Woman reported her boyfriend had not returned from a hiking trip. Monterey County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team began an immediate search of the Pine Ridge Trail and searched throughout the night, but were unable to locate the man. Two fresh teams to be sent out the morning of 12/28/00.

Carmel area: Atherton Place resident received a Christmas card from an abusive ex-boyfriend of 10 years. She threw the card away. Ex lives in Massachusetts. Case closed.

Carmel area: Anonymous party reported a wheelchair at Highway 1 at Rio Road. Chair taken into evidence. Follow-up made by another deputy.

Carmel area: San Francisco PD requested assistance in locating a felony warrant suspect.

Pebble Beach: Conducted a traffic stop on a Sacramento resident on 17 Mile Drive near Point Joe for vehicle violations. The driver was subsequently arrested by CHP for DUI.

Pebble Beach: Pacific Grove resident reported that his Congress Road neighbor's dog was barking and disturbing his sleep.

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 28**

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man called to advise that person(s) unknown have been throwing personal trash into his dumpster. Several men were observed with boxes similar to those located in a garage at Torres and Sixth. Man had some escrow papers that were found in the dumpster. Contacted the person whose name was on the papers and he said he was unaware of the dumping. He hired some people to clean out his garage. He will advise them not to place the trash in the dumpster. Dropped the escrow papers at a title company.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of \$60 worth of clothing shoplifted from a Lincoln business.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of \$400 in TV/stereo

equipment stolen from a Sunset Center business by way of forced entry.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Rendered assistance on a vehicle lock-out with a dog inside the car. Vehicle was opened via slim-jim.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Backed up MCSO on a traffic stop and vehicle search at Highways 68 and 1.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver warned about crossing double yellow lines at Carpenter and Valley Way.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Advised two subjects regarding sleeping in their vehicle at Del Mar.

Carmel area: Woman reported having an argument with an unknown male on the beach.

Pebble Beach: Forest Lake Road resident reported someone got his credit card information and charged more than \$6,000 worth of merchandise.

Carmel area: Aspen Place resident reported a female adult in her 30s with maroon hair knocking at her door and asking for a certain person. When the female was told that

the person did not live there, she became annoyed. Unable to locate on area check.

Carmel area: Manager of a Dolores inn requested the sheriff's department standby with a slightly intoxicated patron while she got into a taxi cab. No further action.

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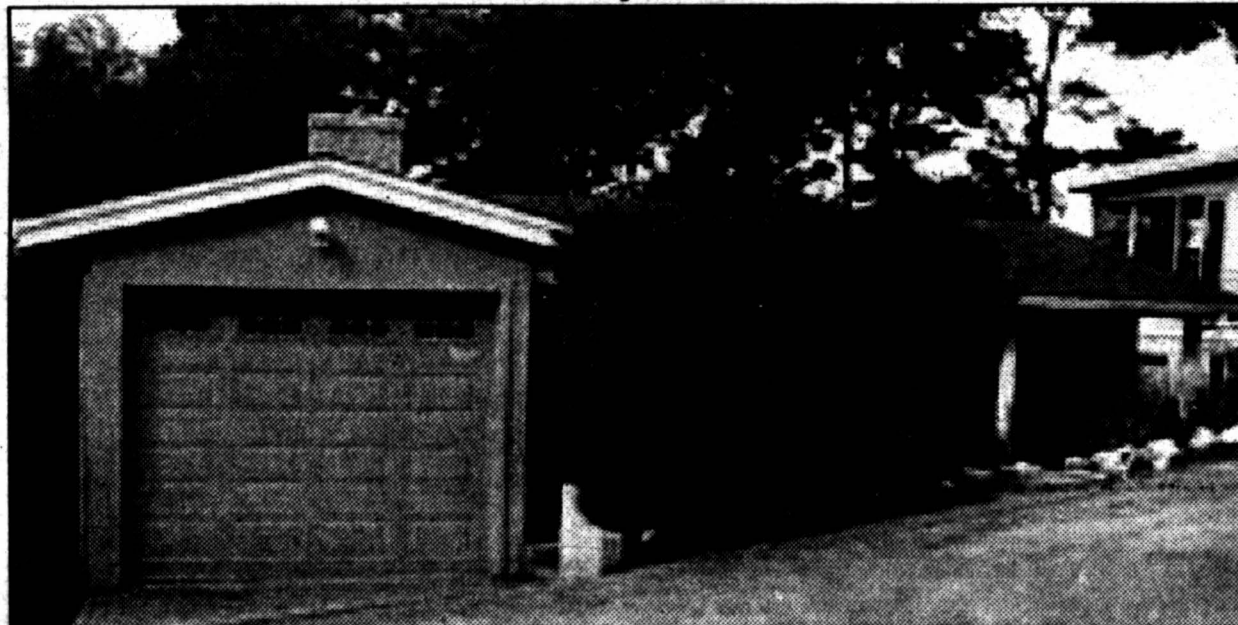
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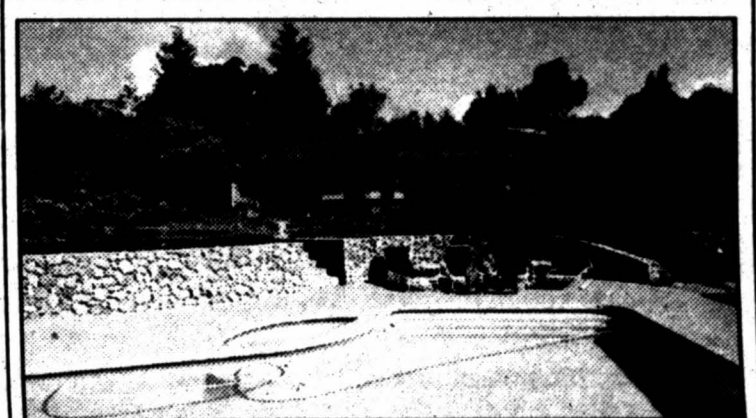
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POLICE LOG

From page 9B

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of graffiti on the rocks along the west roadway edge of San Antonio and Ocean. Located numerous rocks with initials on them in black spray paint. No suspects nor permanent damage. Public Works notified to remove the graffiti. The area was checked to determine if any residences or vehicles were damaged. Located no other acts of vandalism.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost child in Wolf Camera. Picked up the child and drove around the business area for about 10 minutes until we found his parents.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported that a man had taken her credit card receipts while she was visiting him in Sacramento. He has been fraudulently using her credit cards by purchasing items for himself. All items have been purchased and received in Sacramento area. Referred to Sacramento County Sheriff's Office for filing of a report. No crime occurred in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Juvenile was riding a gas-powered skateboard south on Junipero from Ocean. He was stopped and warned. His mother was called and also warned.

Carmel Valley: Hiker

reported missing on the Pine Ridge Trail telephoned his girlfriend from the USFS government camp in Arroyo Seco. He had made his way out of the wilderness on a different trail than originally planned. He was hungry, thirsty and tired. He received medical care at the scene, but refused transportation to the hospital. He just wanted to be reunited with his family.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley resident pulled out of Delfino Place into the oncoming traffic lane of Carmel Valley Road and collided with another vehicle. The driver was arrested for felony DUI because she caused injury to another party. Minor injuries, drivers transported to local hospitals.

Carmel Valley: Marquard Road resident reported that his cellular telephone was stolen out of his unlocked vehicle.

Pebble Beach: Forest Lodge Road resident reported he and his parents received suspicious phone calls from someone claiming to be from the "Heart Association." This company does not exist. The caller wanted the resident to put stamps on envelopes that would later be delivered to the callers.

Carmel Valley: Selfridge Road resident reported receiving a telephone call from PG&E concerning a gas leak at his residence. The call was later confirmed as false.

Carmel area: Carmel Highlands resident requested a civil standby. The resident was locked out by his roommate. Both were already in the process of civil court proceedings.

Carmel area: Woman reported that a fellow employee accidentally broke the front passenger window of her vehicle. She wanted the employer to pay for the damage because the employee was in the perfor-

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Four birdhouses left outside the White Rabbit. Stood by for owner to secure.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject found sleeping in a vehicle at Larson Field and advised of the CMC. Subject also advised that the property was privately owned. Subject moved on without incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident reported difficulty in obtaining some items from a woman since their break-up. He asked for assistance from the department in order to facilitate the return of his property. Contacted the woman, who stated she will be in contact with the man in order to rectify the situation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contact made with a resident in regards to a past-tense domestic violence incident which occurred two weeks ago within the county jurisdiction. A report is on file with MCSO and an Emergency Protective Order was served. Counseled. No further action.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man was riding his bicycle northbound on Dolores approaching the intersection at Eighth behind a vehicle. The vehicle passed the cyclist and then merged back into the northbound lane of Dolores. Upon doing so, the cyclist had to veer right to avoid a collision. He contacted the driver in order to educate the driver concerning cyclists' rights. The driver of the vehicle felt the cyclist was in the wrong and an argument ensued. Cyclist

left the scene in order to avoid any further confrontation with the motorist. Registration check on the vehicle determined the RO lived out of the area. No local contact number. No further action requested.

Carmel Valley: El Caminito Road resident reported hearing a strange noise in her house. An area check was done but nothing was located.

Carmel Valley: Ford Road resident reported her neighbor was shooting off fireworks. Spoke to the neighbor, who said it was his motorcycle that he started.

Big Sur: Coast Guard responded to Pt. Sur after learning that the fishing vessel "Vixen," en route from San Diego to a home port of Crescent City, was off Pt. Sur and taking on water. At the time of the call the pumps on the boat could not keep up with the water coming in and the intention was to beach the vessel at Pt. Sur. Coast Guard arrived and provided an additional pump which could keep

up with the water coming in. The Vixen continued north to Monterey with the Coast Guard boat following. AMR, Big Sur Fire, State Parks, State Park Lifeguards and Sheriff's Dive Team responded.

Carmel area: Mesa Drive resident reported she lost her purse. Responded to her residence and located the purse in the trunk of her vehicle.

Carmel area: Oak Way resident and his wife were involved in a domestic dispute. No physical violence occurred or threats made.

Carmel area: Morse Drive resident reported he lost his Motorola cell phone on 12/29/00 at an unknown location.

Carmel Valley: Man at Carmel Valley Ranch reported there were three juveniles who possibly set off bottle rockets in the area. He could not provide a description of the juveniles. He requested close patrol of the area for the next few nights.

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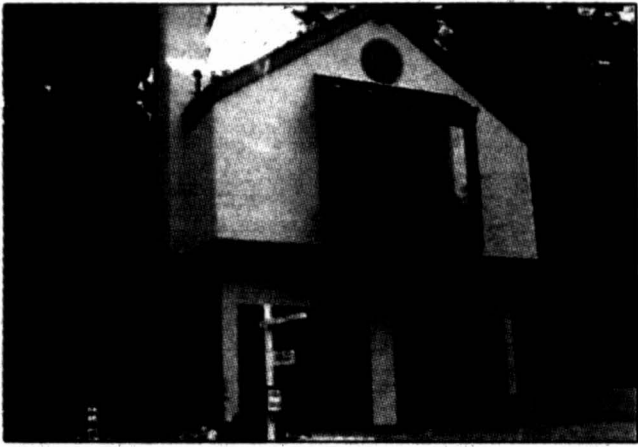
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CARMEL

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! Call your contractor! This spacious 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home overlooks scenic Pescadero Canyon and is just a short distance to downtown Carmel. Lots of space to create and personalize your own domain. Priced right, with many million dollar homes nearby, this is a terrific opportunity for buyers and investors with a creative eye. Motivated seller may even carry a small amount of financing. \$799,000.



CONTEMPORARY RETREAT! Architecturally pleasing, located on a quiet street within easy walking distance to the Village's quaint shops and restaurants, this quality 3-bedroom, 2-bath home offers tree-top views & privacy. From the first step into the tile entry, enjoy soaring wood ceilings, stone fireplace or curl up in one of the window seats. Also a 2-car garage, deck and low maintenance landscape. \$1,285,000.

THE GENTHE HOUSE! Built in 1909, this distinctive residence was one of Carmel's first homes. Just blocks to the beach & village, this 3-bedroom, 4-bath spectacularly remodeled home with guest house sits on a double lot. \$3,495,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

"HEARTSONG"! Gentle fixer with eccentricities! Let the glorious, expansive views of this privately-sited 3-bedroom, 3-bath home on 1+ acre provide inspiration for the transformation of a clean two-level contemporary with good bones. It needs a magic wand! Estate potential with vaulted ceilings, well-kept hardwood floors & dual-pane windows throughout, and security fenced. Imagination will transform this special property into a treasure! \$1,395,000.



OCEANFRONT BEACH HOUSE! On a flower-strewn meadow leading to a secluded beach sits this spacious 4-bedroom, 4-1/2-bath, beachfront house. This relaxing home has commanding views of the Pacific Ocean from almost every room and sits on one acre, which consists of two legal lots of record. Beautiful ocean views from the patio, decks, Jacuzzi and enclosed sun rooms, a fabulous setting for viewing spellbinding sunsets. \$5,295,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

"VIA DEL CINCO"! On a private, sunny & level one-acre parcel only minutes to Carmel sits this charming country-ranch house with rooms and decks overlooking roses, mulberry and fruit trees. The 3-bedroom, 3-bath home is reached by a circular driveway. The open & flowing floor plan features a spacious kitchen/family combi-

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RELAXED SETTING! This 3-bedroom, 2-bath contemporary could fit in just as well in the mountains of Aspen or Lake Tahoe. The lower level welcomes with a firelit living room, loft office/sitting area above and private master bedroom suite. Remodeling includes new kitchen and baths, roof, double-paned skylights & more. New garage. \$895,000.

nation, cozy den and sunroom off the master bedroom suite. Come experience the best in country living! \$945,000.



AT THE RANCH! Just a cart ride from C. V. Ranch's golf course and tennis facility, sits this easy-care home. On a quiet cul-de-sac, this roomy 2-bedroom, 2-bath townhouse features a spacious living room with open-beamed vaulted ceilings & cozy fireplace. The oversized master bedroom boasts a view deck with valley vistas. This easy-care home also includes a west-facing sun deck overlooking beautiful gardens. \$695,000.

MARINA

MONTEREY BAY ESTATES! Spacious, well-maintained 4-bedroom, 3-bath home with a tiny peek of the bay. Separate bedroom and bathroom downstairs; master suite, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths upstairs. Outdoor game court off the family room which has a fireplace. Three-car garage provides extra storage space. \$449,000.

MONTEREY

BAY VIEWS! This tri-level home in very good condition captures immense bay views. It features a "great room" living room, dining

area & kitchen accented by a fireplace, 2 bedrooms & 2-1/2 baths. Also a smaller home with full bath used as an office. A wonderful vacation or weekend home with easy access to the walking trail, Cannery Row and beach. \$975,000.



GRAND NEIGHBORHOOD! Lovely landscaping leads to this gracious and charming multi-level home. The living and dining area are enhanced by hardwood floors. There's a large family room with BBQ-style fireplace and doors leading out to the pool and spa. Bright and updated kitchen, 3 bedrooms — private master suite, and 3 baths. Plantation shutters are found throughout this inviting home. \$799,000.

PACIFIC GROVE

ADORABLE COTTAGE! Enchanting getaway 1-bedroom, 1-bath cottage with approved plans for addition. Living room and kitchen are light and open with high ceilings and cozy wood pellet stove. \$487,000.

BRIGHT AND PRIVATE! A stone's throw from Pebble Beach, Spanish Bay and Asilomar Beach is this light and airy bungalow. Generous living room has large windows

& fireplace. Tiled kitchen has been updated with breakfast bar. Ceilings are raised and open beamed — adding character to the 2-bedroom, 1-bath home. Fenced front yard & lush, green backyard. A turnkey property suitable for retirement, vacation, or beginner family. \$430,000.



MULTI-USE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL! This Victorian awaits your inspection and offers many opportunities! Ideal Pacific Grove location with vacant commercial space downstairs and a residential unit upstairs. Total 2 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Imagine the possibilities! \$650,000.

SPECTACULAR BAY VIEWS! One of the finest examples of the classic 1930's Mediterranean architecture on the Peninsula, this beguiling home has been flawlessly upgraded and added onto. Sited on a double corner lot, the 3-bedroom, 2-bath home features cathedral open-beam living room ceilings, newly refinished fir floors and serene bay views. An open kitchen adjoins the large family room with window walls overlooking terraced gardens and bay. \$2,800,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

SHEPHERD'S KNOLL CONDO! A special one-level 3-bedroom, 3-bath condo in this privately located complex. With a good floor plan, and offering forest views and lots of storage, this is a comfortable and bright prime unit. Make it your primary residence or second home. Located on the main level and awaiting your arrival. One-car garage plus carport. \$599,000.

THE RESIDENCES AT SPANISH BAY! With an unobstructed view down the 12th fairway of the Links, this 4-bedroom, 4-1/2-bath townhome is an easy stroll to the beach and the amenities of the Inn at Spanish Bay. Softened contemporary design reveals skylit staircase and gallery/conversation area, chestnut floors, granite and marble surfaces, state-of-the-art kitchen, and a view retreat/exercise room off the master bedroom. \$2,850,000.



FRENCH COUNTRY ELEGANCE! Located on one acre in the estate area, this stunning 4-bedroom, 5-1/2-bath French country estate offers beautiful ocean and Point Lobos views. A gated entrance leads to gardens via a cobblestone circular driveway. Features include a large living room with marble fireplace, crown moldings, 10-foot ceilings, wainscoted dining room, gourmet country kitchen plus a media room. This property is a perfect blend of style and livability. \$4,750,000.

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